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Pope Cancels Sarajevo Trip, Citing Safety Of Residents

Shelling of Mountain Near Site of Papal Mass Prompts Vatican Move

By Jonathan C. Randal

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Pope John Paul II on Tuesday canceled his planned visit to Sarajevo hours after 11 Bosnian Serb artillery rounds slammed into a mountainside less than two miles from where he hoped to say an open-air Mass on Thursday.

The decision, announced by the Vatican in Rome and by the office of the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, ended weeks of speculation and repeated warnings from rebel Serb leaders that they could not guarantee the Pope's safety.

"The Pope, after consulting his principal aides and inspired by a deep sense of responsibility toward the population, has therefore decided to postpone the visit to Sarajevo, scheduled for Sept. 8, with the aim of carrying it out as soon as circumstances permit," the Vatican statement said.

The cancellation represented yet another setback to city's population — the majority Muslims as well as Roman Catholic Croats and Orthodox Serbs — and followed what UN military spokesmen termed the worst violation of the zone protecting Sarajevo from heavy weapons fire since February.

Residents of all religious persuasions had hoped the papal visit would galvanize flagging international support for their plight and their increasingly ignored pleas for maintaining Bosnia as a multiethnic society.

Instead, once again the rebel Serbs, who occupy more than 70 percent of Bosnia and maintain their blockade of the capital, demonstrated the effectiveness of their stranglehold.

Serbian leaders have opposed the Pope's planned 24-hour visit to Sarajevo. They said it was a political gesture to the predominantly Muslim Bosnian government.

UN military spokesmen, commenting on the violation of the heavy-weapon exclusion zone around Sarajevo, said UN radar showed that the 11 rounds were fired in a 20-minute period ending at 11:50 A.M. The spokesman said they suspected the Serbs used a mobile 76mm mountain gun.

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Relatives of John O'Haulon, a Catholic killed by unionists on the first day of the IRA cease-fire, grieving on Tuesday at his funeral in North Belfast.

Dublin Tries To Calm Fear After Meeting With the IRA

Protestant Unionists, Suspecting Secret Deal, Hear Some Reassurance

By John Darnton

DUBLIN — With government workers leaning on window sills to watch every move and a knot of cheering well-wishers waving the Irish tricolor on the sidewalk, Gerry Adams, the radical republican leader of Northern Ireland, entered Government House on Tuesday for his first meeting ever with the Irish prime minister, Albert Reynolds.

The session was denounced even before it began by Protestant unionists in the North. They saw it as a charade designed to confer sheep's clothing on Mr. Adams now that the Irish Republican Army on whose behalf he speaks has declared an unconditional cease-fire in the 25-year sectarian struggle over Northern Ireland.

The 90-minute session was also attended

In Belfast, the rise of a new Catholic middle-class helped bring about the cease-fire. Page 2.

by John Hume, leader of the moderate mainstream Catholic party in the North.

It ended with a one-paragraph statement and a brief news conference.

"We are at the beginning of a new era in which we are all totally and absolutely committed to democratic and peaceful methods of resolving our political problems," the statement began.

All three men said they wanted to include the Protestant unionists in "an equitable and lasting agreement" over the future of Ulster.

Though many Protestants welcome peace, their leaders worry that the cease-fire has come about because of a secret back-room deal between Britain and its enemy, the IRA. Both of them deny this strenuously.

Mr. Adams seemed particularly eloquent in calling upon the Protestants to lay down their fears. At one point he said: "I extend in generosity a hand of friendship to my Protestant brothers and sisters in the North. A negotiated peace settlement holds no threat for them."

The ostensible purpose of the meeting was to plan for a "forum of peace and reconciliation" that the Irish government wants to sponsor in October. It would include all political parties of the North, although the Unionist parties are highly unlikely to attend.

The idea for such a forum was largely as a way of bringing Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, into some kind of larger political dialogue.

But undoubtedly the real intent behind Mr. Reynolds's decision to meet with Mr. Adams was to give the Sinn Fein president a political boost that he can point to in the Catholic neighborhoods of Northern Ireland. Mr. Adams needs to convince hard-line elements within the IRA that the decision to abandon military actions is bearing

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Progress in Cairo Held Up by Vatican Objections

By John Lancaster and Boyce Rensberger

CAIRO — Delegates to the Cairo conference neared agreement Tuesday on an American-backed compromise aimed at defusing religious controversy over abortion, but progress stalled at the last minute over objections from the Vatican.

U.S. and other delegates had hoped — and predicted — that agreement would be reached Tuesday night on the second day of the conference, removing what many participants say is the biggest hurdle to

reaching consensus on a formal plan to stabilize world population. The sudden adjournment startled many delegates, who were uncertain about its implications for the rest of the meeting.

Clinton administration officials who

Ten nations are joining together to share family planning skills with Third World. Page 4.

briefed reporters after the closed session had adjourned said the Holy See appeared to be the principal holdout, and that it had cited support for the compromise from such unlikely sources as Iran as well as

African and Latin American countries that are traditional allies of the Vatican.

"It is a surprise," said a dejected U.S. official. "Muslim countries, Nicaragua, Latin American countries agreed. It's striking in any case."

Working to resolve differences in a key paragraph on abortion, envoys of most of the 180 nations represented in Cairo settled on a formulation sought by the Vatican, which stated that "in no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning" and that governments should do their best to reduce its use.

At the same time, the proposed compro-

mise makes clear that in countries where abortion is legal, women should have access to safe abortion services and "reliable information and compassionate counseling." That guarantee was apparently unacceptable to the Holy See, according to participants in the Tuesday night sessions.

Administration officials said that while the Vatican delegation was the only one to object to the latest version of the compromise language, other countries had expressed their desire to seek changes. Amid fears that the debate would last all night,

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Paris and Bonn Play Loose on Unity Issue

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS — The sudden flap about calls for a hard-core Europe organized around Germany and France have little to do with a blueprint for the future European Union and much to do with electoral pressures in Bonn and Paris, government officials said Tuesday.

Both Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Prime Minister Edouard Balladur apparently felt compelled to reassure French-German primacy in shaping Europe, mainly as a way of heading off nationalist revolts from members of their own parties disillusioned with European cooperation.

"If they stick together about France and Germany being the centerpiece of Europe, it helps both of them with the Social Democrats left and reduces the risk of a revolt on the right," a French policymaker said. If the French campaign took on an anti-German tenor, it could hurt Mr. Kohl's claims to have reconciled Europe to German reunification.

Given that Mr. Kohl faces elections in October and must maintain his anti-inflation reputation, any early drop in German interest rates is excluded. For Mr. Balladur, that policy is a potential handicap — and a potential target for anti-European rivals — because France would welcome

cheaper money to ease social tensions. Talking up the French-German alliance helps both leaders transcend these potential complaints.

But the swift backlash suggests that these domestic considerations hindered Mr. Kohl and Mr. Balladur to the way in which statements that once might have been dismissed as campaign rhetoric have become the stuff of domestic politics in other countries in a more integrated Europe.

For example, Prime Minister John Major has been exposed to fresh attacks that he has been duped about Britain's future in Europe. Britain and Italy were irate about

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Piece by Massive Piece, Chinese Ship Home an American Symbol

By Seth Mydans

FONTANA, California — It was a symbol of America's industrial might, one of the world's biggest, most sophisticated, most expensive steel mills, employing thousands of workers and producing 2.3 million tons of high-grade carbon steel a year when it went on line in 1979.

But almost immediately, the 23-story-high, \$287 million Kaiser Steel Corp. plant became a symbol of wrenching changes in the economy, its roaring furnaces affected by international competition, environmental regulations, labor disputes and the encroachments of corporate raiders.

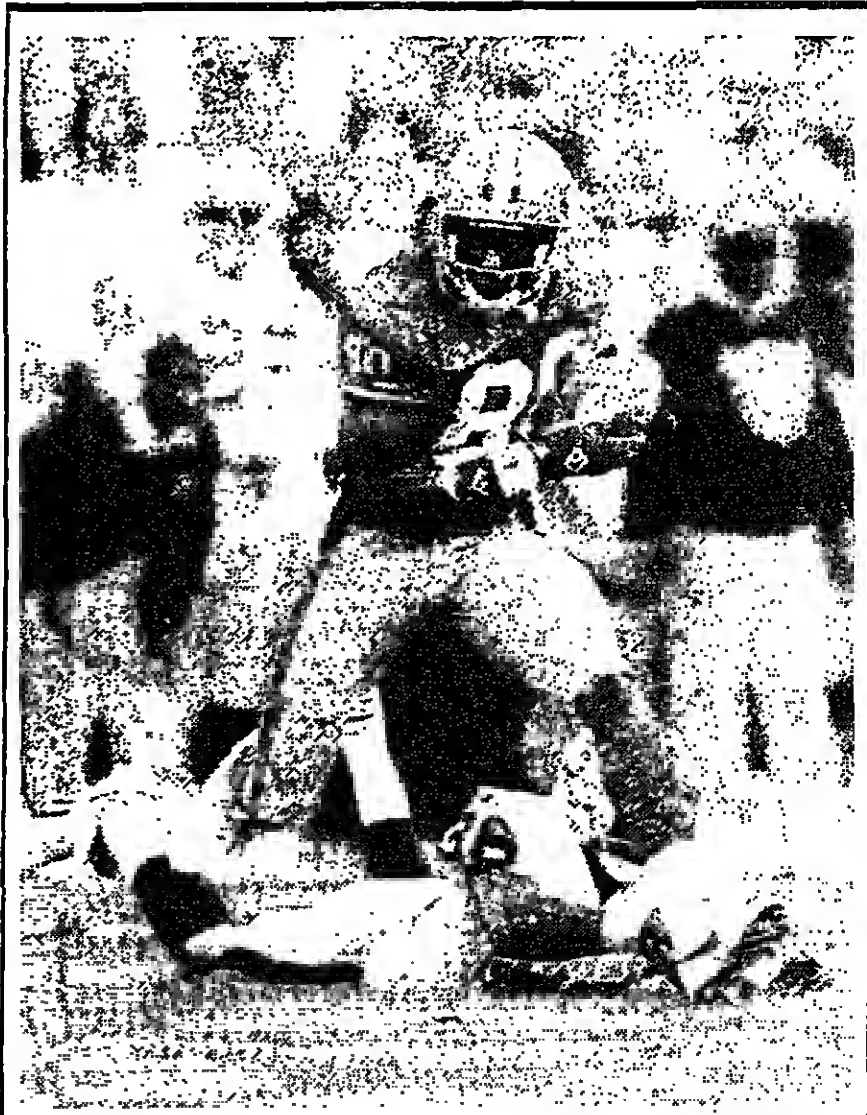
Within three years it was closed. This desert town 45 miles (70 kilometers) east of Los Angeles, once home to citrus groves, then part of Southern California's industrial engine, slipped into the shattered slowdown that has gripped the region.

Now, since early last year, the mill has been the scene of one last hurst of activity: 300 Chinese workers from Shaogang Steel Corp. of Beijing have been cutting, unbolt-

ing, dismantling and crating the 55,000-ton mill and shipping the pieces to southern China for reassembly.

Amid sprays of sparks from cutting torches and the roar of giant cranes, each piece — some nearly 200 tons — was photographed and marked in Chinese characters to be matched with blueprints

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NFL MARK FOR RICE — The 49ers' Jerry Rice, beating a Raiders' defender, broke Jim Brown's record with his 127th touchdown. Page 18.

Robbers Breakfast at Tiffany's, and Clean the Plate

By Robert D. McFadden

NEW YORK — With trickery, threats, timing and bravado, two armed robbers invaded Tiffany's in Manhattan, the police said, and — after binding four guards and defeating the alarm systems — made off with about \$1 million in jewelry and the videotapes that had recorded the escape.

No shots were fired and no one was injured. It was the costliest robbery in the 157-year history of Tiffany & Co. The shop had been victimized nine times previously by ambitious shoplifters.

smash-and-grab thugs, con artists with elaborate tales and once by a man who shot a hole in a sidewalk display window and tried to snare a diamond-and-ruby necklace with a wire.

Investigators said the robbers intercepted an unarmed security guard near midnight Sunday on his way to work at the Art Deco building at Fifth Avenue and 57th Street. The thieves were selective, choosing about 300 necklaces, bracelets, watches, rings and earrings encrusted with diamonds, rubies, emeralds and other gems.

They appeared to know a lot about Tif-

fany security: its guard schedules, the use of intercoms at locked doors, how to turn off alarms and the location of video cameras and keys to the sales floor, with its archipelago of treasure in mahogany-and-glass display cases.

"It was a very, very professional job," said Captain Salvatore M. Blando, the commander of the detective unit. "They were definitely on a schedule. They might have cased the place for a long time. We're looking into it being an inside job."

Tiffany, whose name has come to symbolize luxury and elegance, issued a dis-

creet statement saying only that the store had been robbed, that no one had been hurt and that its doors would be open for business as usual. No estimate of the loss was given, but a police spokesman said it was "upwards of \$1 million."

[Lloyd's of London offered a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the jewels and the arrest and conviction of the robbers. The Associated Press reported.]

With bulletproof glass covering the displays in its windows, with steel doors,

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On the Steppe, Ex-Enemies Make Historic 'War' in Peace

By Fred Hiatt

TOTSKOYE TRAINING GROUND, Russia — The Russian officer approached the checkpoint after nightfall. By the rules of the joint U.S.-Russian training military exercise taking place here, he should have been detained for violating curfew.

But the officer, calling a kind of time-out in this first-ever exercise, said he just wanted to tell the Americans how happy he was they had come.

Specialist Eddie Cox, 26, handed him a photograph of his own family in Pittsburgh, and the soldiers from formerly enemy armies hugged as the wind gathered on the steppe.

"Myself, I don't really believe we should have been enemies," Mr. Cox said Tuesday. "I told him he would always have a friend in America."

For the first time ever, U.S. soldiers are in Russia's heartland, conducting training maneuvers with the Russian army. The number of Americans is small — just over 300 including air force crews — but many American and Russian officers alike here said they considered the cooperation historic, not least because the two divisions involved were facing each other across the Fulda Gap in Germany only a few years ago.

"It's interesting how quickly you can make friendships," said Colonel Richard M. Bridges, 44. "It's hard to believe we were ever watching each other through binoculars across the inner Germany border."

"I expected a lot more tension in the way

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Kiosk Sampras Is Upset In U.S. Open

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Pete Sampras, the defending champion, was upset in the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis championships on Tuesday by Jaime Yzaga of Peru, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5.

Sampras, ranked No. 1 in the world, had been seeking his third U.S. Open championship. He won the tournament in 1990 and 1993. Yzaga is ranked 23 in the world.

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THE AMERICAS / A STABILIZING FACTOR

Gay (and Proud of It) Neighborhoods Form Enclaves Against Urban Decay

By Karen De Witt
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — As cities around the United States continue to shrink, urban planners say the neighborhoods molded by homosexuals in recent years are taking on a new importance as bastions against further decay.

Although there are no authoritative statistics to track the migration of gay people to various urban neighborhoods, the presence of homosexuals — and with it their economic power — has become increasingly visible.

In addition to well-known areas like Greenwich Village in New York and the Castro district in San Francisco, predominantly gay neighborhoods have arisen in a dozen major cities over the last two decades, at once bolstering those cities' sagging tax bases, pumping thousands of dollars into the economy and sometimes making tired neighborhoods safer and more attractive to heterosexuals.

"They've stabilized a lot of neighborhoods where they've stayed,"

said Dianne Welchko, a real estate agent in Chicago.

Seattle's Capitol Hill section, for instance, has in the last 15 years seen an influx of gay men and women who have rehabilitated houses in the working-class area. Houston's Montrose neighborhood, once a declining working-class section, is now the geographic center of a lively gay community.

In Miami, there is South Beach, in Denver the Cheesman area, in Cincinnati Liberty Hill and Northside, and in St. Louis the South Grand Street area. There are also concentrations in smaller cities throughout the heartland.

"We surprise a lot of people," said Howard Harris, a technician with the Federal Aviation Administration in Oklahoma City. "And we're the buckle in the Bible Belt."

George Chauncey, a social historian at the University of Chicago, said statistics on gay neighborhoods have been elusive, largely because the Census Bureau does not identify them as such. But he said anecdotal indicators point to their growth.

"The evidence comes from gay and lesbian voter drives, the proliferation of gay-oriented businesses and

"They bring in a lot of people, and that helps the local economy. Their deposits look the same, their taxes look the same."

Mark S. Schwartz, an Oklahoma City councilman.

the addresses of people on gay mailing lists or political action committees," Mr. Chauncey, the author of "Gay New York," said.

"These neighborhoods are like earlier ethnic enclaves," William Frey, a demographer who studies minorities at the University of Michigan's Population Studies Center, said.

Robert Bray, who travels around the country for Fight the Right, a grass-roots project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, summed it up with a twist on a recent war cry of advocates for gay rights: "We're here. We need a realtor."

Perhaps nowhere is the phenomenon of gay neighborhood as urban pillar truer than in the Dupont Circle section of Washington, a half-mile from the White House. In the past 20 years, it has been transformed from a rundown area to one of the most vibrant and desirable places to live in the District.

Today, a mix of restaurants, nightclubs and businesses keeps it awake long past the time the rest of the city has shut down.

A town house in the area that cost \$350,000 in 1970 would have increased in value to \$750,000 in the mid-1980s, the height of the real estate boom, according to figures from the agency Washington Realty Group Inc. And monthly rents for a one-bedroom apartment there rose to \$750 from \$400 during the period,

the last for which figures are available.

"The gays get a lot of the credit for turning this area around," said Jack Evans, a city council member whose district includes Dupont Circle.

Sociologists and demographers alike say the concentration of homosexuals in core neighborhoods has grown in the last two decades out of gay political advocacy and the AIDS crisis, as well as generally more tolerant attitudes toward homosexuals.

That visibility has translated into demarcated gay neighborhoods, whose residents demand recognition. Dozens of large and midsize cities have gay pride events each year, and proposals to ban discrimination against homosexuals appear regularly on local ballots.

New York City and Cincinnati, for example, have passed such legislation in the last five years, and it is pending in other cities like Oklahoma City, where the International Gay Bowling League and the International Gay Rodeo Association stage events each year.

Steve Collier, the executive director

of the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the two events have accounted for hotel bookings of several thousand rooms. Mark S. Schwartz, a member of the Oklahoma City Council whose ward has the most visible gay population in the city, said: "They bring in a lot of people, and that helps the local economy. Their deposits look the same, their taxes look the same."

The Reverend Kit Cherry, public relations associate of the Metropolitan Community Church in Los Angeles, said the influx had benefited urban areas as much as homosexuals. The church, whose members are mostly homosexual, has 270 congregations in the United States.

"We've offered cities faith in themselves," she said. "We went into cities at a time when many people were abandoning them for the suburbs. We fixed up buildings that were falling down and got involved in local and regional politics to ensure the well-being of cities."

The concentration and visibility of gay men and women in urban neighborhoods have not come with-

out cost. Such distinct neighborhoods also attract hostile outsiders. Stuart Michaels, a research sociologist at the University of Chicago, lives in Lakeview, an area that has been steadily gentrified into a gay enclave.

"People looking for gay people to hash know where to come," he said. "If you're walking down the street, it's not unusual for some young kids in a car to yell 'faggot' at a man or 'dyke' at a woman with short hair."

In addition, as buildings and housing in these areas are revived and property taxes increase, some lower-income residents are driven out. And not everyone is enthusiastic about living in a neighborhood with a large homosexual population.

"There have been times when I've felt uncomfortable in my own neighborhood," said Pam Taylor, who works for the Voice of America and lives in Dupont Circle. Heterosexuals avoid parts of the area, she said, "because of what they feel is an in-your-face attitude by gays that they don't belong there."

Away From Politics

• A mysterious illness that sickened more than 600 passengers and crew members aboard a luxury cruise ship has been identified as shigellosis, a common bacterial infection. A passenger with a history of heart trouble died.

• The District of Columbia will delay the opening of all city public schools while it tries to relocate students from the 49 schools deemed unsafe by a city judge.

• After an afternoon at a family barbecue spent drinking and arguing over plans for his bachelor party, a New York City police sergeant was shot and killed by his older brother, also a police officer.

• A light aircraft crashed in flames, killing all four people on board shortly after taking off from the Truckee-Tahoe airport, in central California's Sierra Nevada mountains.

• Two pit bull terriers attacked a Bronx, New York, couple who were taking care of the dogs for their son, killing the woman and putting the man in the hospital.

• Four New England fishermen were missing and presumed drowned off Nova Scotia, Canada, after their trawler capsized in swells as the crew of a military plane watched helplessly. The 75-foot Italian Gold, based in Gloucester, Massachusetts, sank 125 miles (200 kilometers) from shore. The pilot of the military aircraft, which had been called to the area to watch over another fishing boat, made repeated passes over the Italian Gold but had trouble seeing in the bad weather.

AP, NYT, Reuters, WP



ON THE MARCH — Hotel and restaurant workers demonstrating for better wages and benefits during a pro-union rally on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson addressed the crowd, estimated in the thousands.

At Cabinet Level, a Friendship Quandary

Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — As schoolmates at Howard University in the 1970s, Mike Espy and his friend Richard Douglas sometimes sat up deep into the night in their dormitory, drinking beer and fantasizing about a day when they would become powerful figures on the national scene.

Two decades later, still close friends, they have succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. Mr. Espy entered politics, and in 1986 became the first black elected to Congress from Mississippi since Reconstruction. In 1993, President Bill Clinton named him secretary of agriculture, the first black ever to hold that cabinet post.

Mr. Douglas, meantime, became the first black to earn a doctorate in agriculture from the University of Maryland, served in the Agriculture Department under President Ronald Reagan and today is senior vice president for corporate affairs for Sun Diamond Growers of Pleasanton, California.

As their careers have soared, however, Mr. Espy and Mr.

Douglas have become part of an FBI inquiry — of the sort that is all too familiar in a time of heightened sensitivity over ethical conduct.

The FBI is looking into whether Mr. Espy may have improperly accepted gifts, favors

and travel expenses from a variety of private agribusiness companies that receive funding from, and are regulated by, the Agriculture Department, including his friend Mr. Douglas and Sun Diamond.

Acting on the basis of preliminary FBI findings, Attorney General Janet Reno has asked a three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to appoint a special prosecutor.

Both Mr. Espy and Mr. Douglas deny wrongdoing. According to the Agriculture Department, Mr. Espy views Mr. Douglas as an old friend who

happens to work for an agricultural company. Mr. Espy declined to be interviewed. He contends that the allegations stem from unhappiness over changes he is trying to bring to the department. Some of the allegations —

"They went to college together, dreamed together and now are realizing their dream."

James Lake, Washington lobbyist

that Mr. Espy improperly used a corporate jet, accepted free tickets to professional basketball and football games and fraternized too much with individuals who deal with the government — may seem like minor transgressions, if that.

There is no question that Mr. Douglas enjoys unusual entrée to Mr. Espy and his closest advisers. Their parallel careers as advocates for agricultural interests have been intertwined for nearly a decade, with benefits for both.

"These guys are like brothers," said James Lake, a veteran

Washington lobbyist who is close to Mr. Douglas and active in Republican circles and California agriculture groups.

"They went to college together, dreamed together and now they are realizing their dream."

But they represent one of the most important ethics issues in present-day Washington.

At a time when even arcane and obscure programs and policy decisions can mean millions of dollars in profits or costs to a business or industry, the existence of close relationships between decision-makers and potential beneficiaries can raise concern about the objectivity and fairness of the process.

Department officials and others say investigators are looking at a 40th birthday party for Mr. Espy that Mr. Douglas co-hosted and helped pay for at a Georgetown restaurant, a trip to Greece arranged by Mr. Douglas where Mr. Espy addressed the International Nut Council, and numerous New York Knicks basketball games that Mr. Espy apparently attended as guest of Mr. Douglas.

POLITICAL NOTES

Jesse Helms Loses a Prop

WASHINGTON — Throughout the 1980s, Senator Jesse Helms, a North Carolina Republican, and the nonprofit Coalition for Freedom were synonymous. Mr. Helms, as honorary chairman, touted the group in promotional materials as a small but effective vehicle for telling the public about free enterprise, government waste, communism and media bias.

But recently Mr. Helms abruptly and quietly broke off the relationship. The split came after many of the Raleigh-based group's practices were questioned by the Internal Revenue Service in an ongoing tax case that has challenged the legality of some of the interlocking fundraising organizations that once formed Mr. Helms' financial power base.

Two years ago, the IRS revoked the Coalition for Freedom's tax-exempt status after agents concluded that the group, between 1985 and 1987, had illegally participated in political activities

and improperly benefited individuals who are connected to conservative causes.

The coalition, which says it has made changes in its operations, is challenging the decision.

(WP)

Will Cuomo Do It Again?

NEW YORK — In raucous parades in Rochester and Brooklyn and in 30-second attack ads aired from Long Island to Buffalo, New York's gubernatorial candidates kicked off the traditional fall campaign that this year will determine whether Mario M. Cuomo is written into the state's political lore for winning a fourth term.

Both parties and their leading candidates — Mr. Cuomo for the Democrats, State Senator George Pataki for the Republicans — face primaries on Sept. 13. And leaders of both parties say that Mr. Pataki has not used the last two months

to persuasively establish his political persona.

Despite Mr. Cuomo's vulnerabilities, Democratic and Republican strategists agree that the Republicans cannot simply run against him without offering a credible alternative, both in a candidate and a platform. And some Republicans are concerned, and Democrats are cautiously optimistic, that nine weeks may not be long enough for the Republicans to do that.

Quote/Unquote

Oliver L. North, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate from Virginia and a key figure in the Iran-contra affair, taking a swipe at the Democratic candidate, Charles S. Robb, whose has admitted to sexual indiscretions in the '80s: "There are those who want to create a moral equivalency between what I did as a frail, flawed human being to save lives and the repeated behavior of other candidates. There is none." (WP)

Luis Beltran Is Dead at 58, Leading Filipino Journalist

The Associated Press

MANILA — Luis Beltran, 58, one of the Philippines' best-known broadcasters and newspaper commentators, died Tuesday of an apparent heart attack, his staff announced.

Mr. Beltran was born in Manila. He wrote for several newspapers until 1972, when the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos declared martial law. Mr. Beltran was among thousands of journalists, politicians and others who were arrested.

He wrote columns for The

Philippine Star and later The Manila Standard.

Other deaths:

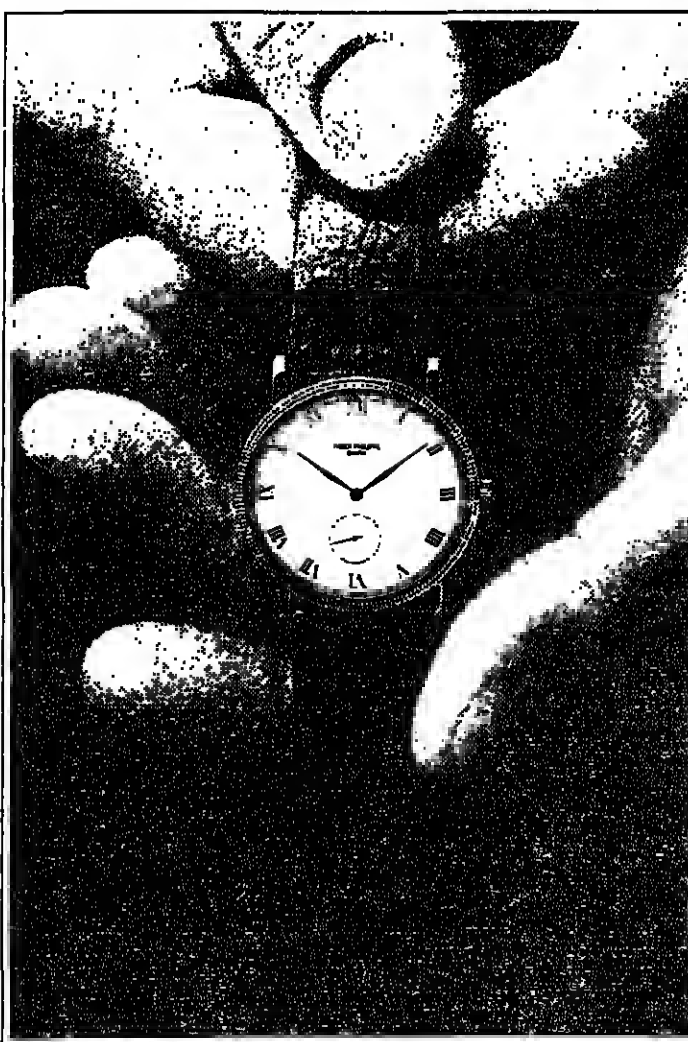
Hans Gabor, 71, director of the Vienna Opera House, on Sunday during a game of golf in Biarritz, France.

David Wright, 74, the South African-born lyrical, satirical and narrative poet who said total deafness since childhood meant he perceived the world like an eccentrically-sited camera, on Aug. 28 of cancer at Waldron, England.

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Vice President Al Gore, in Cairo for the UN population conference, speaking Tuesday at a press conference with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

STEEL: An American Factory Is Moved to China, Piece by Massive Piece

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Shaogang Steel, otherwise known as the Capital Iron and Steel Corp., estimates that the operation will cost \$400 million. California Steel Industries Inc., which bought the plant, along with related steel-finishing operations, from Kaiser in 1983 for \$120 million, will get just \$15 million for it. The main plant never resumed operation.

"That was the only offer there was with people that had the money to pay for it," said Don Duffy, vice president of operations for California Steel. "The price they are paying us is a pittance by comparison with the total costs for them."

Nevertheless, the deal makes good sense for the Chinese, who do not have experience in building sophisticated steel mills, said Matt MacFadden, California Steel's vice president for human resources.

"Ten years ago, this was the very best in the world," he said. "There haven't been that many dramatic improvements. Looking at this facility, knowing that it ran, knowing that the configuration worked together, knowing its heat, its tonnage per hour

— why try and reinvent the wheel?"

It has been a long ordeal for the Chinese workers, who have lived virtually sequestered in a motel in nearby San Bernardino with little contact with American society other than occasional visits to places like Disneyland and Chinatown. Their own cooks have trucked lunches to the work site.

As they began to arrive, the Chinese were the subject of protests by labor unions here, angry that the dismantling jobs did not go to American workers in the struggling economy of Southern California.

"These jobs don't belong to those Chinese guys," Joe Perez, executive secretary of the Building and Construction Trades Council, in Riverside, said at the time. "They belong to us. We put this thing up, and we should be able to take it down. We want those 300 jobs."

But the protests soon died; the sale of the plant was contingent on employing Shaogang workers, so they could become intimately familiar with the structure they would rebuild.

The deal with Shaogang includes a promise that the 76 acres (31 hectares) on which the

plant stood will be cleared and leveled. The last components are being loaded onto railroad flatcars and onto trucks so big they can travel the highways only after 10 P.M., headed for the Port of Los Angeles.

Two shipments have already arrived in China. The last will leave soon.

At the dismantled plant, the last members of the Chinese work crew are breaking its concrete foundations into chunks that will be used as fill.

"It was like peeling a banana," Mr. MacFadden said. "First, the outer structure came off. Then the equipment itself. The casters. The last thing left was the furnaces, huge ladles."

He looked around the dusty site, where one crew, using a crane, was loading a section of steel frame onto a flatcar, another was leveling the concrete base of the last of six massive elevator shafts, and a third was pulling iron reinforcing bars from piles of broken concrete.

"This is what's left: massive rubble," Mr. MacFadden said. "They've gotten the ladies out of here, the bag house, the water-treatment facility. It's wild. I couldn't believe it would come down so quickly. We're to the

point where everything's come down and nothing is up in its place yet."

It is not certain how the land will be used, he said. There is talk of building a minimill to process scrap steel, or the area might be used as a transport and loading yard for the smaller steel-processing mills around it.

In China, where the economy grew by as much as 13 percent last year, the plant will add to a burgeoning industrial base and feed a voracious appetite for steel.

Richard S. Masco, project engineer for the Diversified Packaging Development Corp., an American subcontractor for Shaogang, said that the Chinese could have the plant up and running in as little as two years.

"These are some of the finest engineering people I have ever run across," said Mr. Masco, who coordinated the work of crews of American subcontractors, including heavy equipment operators, technical advisers and truck drivers. "They are fantastic, organized, everything in its place, everything in its order. The heavy lifts were all engineered to the point of exactly what angle the booms on the cranes were to be."

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IRELAND: IRA-Dublin Talks

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fruit in terms of increased international recognition for their cause.

So far, the IRA's unconditional cease-fire has not met with reciprocal concessions from the British. John Major's Conservative government is insisting on some further declaration that the cease-fire will be permanent. He and other members of the government call repeatedly upon Mr. Adams or someone else in a leadership position to use the word "permanent" or something similar as proof of their good intentions.

The British government has not lifted a broadcasting ban on Mr. Adams and other IRA leaders. That means, for example, that his remarks of Tuesday will be spoken by an actor on the BBC's news program.

In what was taken as another sign of British intransigence, barriers between Northern Ireland and Ireland that were taken down by republicans over the last few days were reconstructed by the British Army. In the past, people living close to the border say, some of the barriers had been allowed to remain down for weeks at a time.

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10 Third World States to Offer Their Family Planning Secrets

By Barbara Crossette

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CAIRO — Challenging the notion that birth control is a Western idea out of keeping with traditional cultures, 10 developing nations with successful family planning programs will announce here this week that they are establishing an international partnership to share their skills and experience with other Third World countries.

The 10 nations — Bangladesh, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Thailand, Tunisia and Zimbabwe — include Muslim, Buddhist and Christian lands; some poor and some newly richer.

Because they prove family planning can work in a diversity of settings, they are in a sense models for the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development now in session here.

Their program, called "Partners in Population and Development: a South-South Initiative," will be the conference's first tangible result.

Almost all of these developing countries have cut birth and fertility rates drastically in the last decade or two; all have emphasized the importance of women as agents of change, and most have based family planning in community settings, involving local religious leaders in counseling and publicity.

In Indonesia, a Southeast Asian nation with the world's largest Muslim population, family size was nearly halved from 1971 to 1991 — a drop from 5.6 births per woman to 3.0 — and infant mortality has plunged. Many family planning centers are "clinics without

walls," Haryono Suyono, the state minister for population, said in an interview here. This system was at first born of necessity because of a shortage of doctors, he added.

"We have one doctor for thousands of people," he said. "So we had to build a clinic without walls so that everybody is part of the staff: the *ulamas* (the religious leaders) and half of the village get involved."

Colombia, like Indonesia, has found that offering the widest range of contraceptive options, excepting abortion, has contributed to success. Miguel Trias, executive director of Colombia's preeminent nongovernmental family planning organization, Profamilia, said in an interview here that people on the whole make rational choices.

"We always use what is in a rather deprecatory manner has been called the cafeteria approach," he said. "We like to have a lot of methods available so that the couple can choose among many possibilities, many options."

Where family planning often fails, as in northern India, experts say the cause may lie in the lack of choices. Most poor Indian women are forced into sterilization, done in an assembly-line fashion. Fear of the procedure, rather than religious or cultural barriers, turns many women away.

In 30 years in Colombia, the total fertility rate has dropped from 7.1 children for each woman to 2.9. The national population growth rate has fallen from 3.4 percent a year to 1.9 percent.

Experts from successful countries all say that social and

political factors can play a major role in setting the stage for birth control.

In Buddhist Thailand, for example, the extraordinary accomplishment of cutting fertility from more than 6.5 births to 2.1 per woman in a quarter of a century had a lot to do with both government support and the efforts of the nongovernmental Population and Community Development Foundation. Its founder, Meechai Vetravithaya, played on the imagination of a fun-loving, tolerant culture by offering free vasectomies on the king's birthday, blowing up condoms as party balloons and opening a restaurant called "Cabbages and Condoms" to raise money for his organization.

In Tunisia, a Muslim country where abortion is legal and free, the political equality granted to women under the 1956 Code of Individual Rights put a strong base under not only family planning but also other social programs, said Nebiha Gueddada, director-general of the National Office of the Family and Population and a professor of pediatric medicine in Tunis. But Tunisian history and the intellectual rigor of its Islamic scholars also played a part.

"For 50 years Tunisia has been at the center of Arab civilization," she said. "Muslim experts come to the Zitouna mosque to debate and discuss the teaching of the Koran." But no serious challenges to the role of women have come from the scholars. Tunisia now leads the African continent in family planning, with a population growth rate of only 1.1 percent and an average family size of 3.3 children.

ABORTION: Vatican Objections Stall Compromise

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the session adjourned and was to resume Wednesday morning.

The compromise would steer a middle course between the Vatican, which rejects abortion on moral grounds, and family-planning advocates and women's groups, which say that access to safe and legal abortion is a key component of any global population strategy. Some Islamic religious authorities also object to abortion.

Throughout the day Tuesday, the position of the Holy See was the focus of much speculation after its spokesman issued a cryptic press release that praised much of the action plan but said the Vatican "cannot give explicit or implicit support to those parts of the document regarding abortion."

In an interview, the Vatican spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, called the proposed compromise on abortion a "basis for discussion."

"It could lead to a formulation on which we could eventually agree," he said.

The apparent softening of the church's position made it easier for countries with strong ties to the Holy See — including Chile, the Philippines, Benin, Malta and Ivory Coast — to back the compromise, moving the conference closer to

its goal of unanimous agreement, said U.S. officials participating in the closed sessions.

"I think we're well on our way to a consensus," Timothy F. Wirth, undersecretary of state for global affairs, said late Tuesday afternoon. The compromise paragraph, proposed by the European Union, was "language we have supported for a long time," he asserted.

Administration officials noted that the core promise language was supported even by Pakistan, a predominantly Muslim country whose prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, inveighed against abortion during a passionate opening speech on Monday.

But the Vatican has never hinged on its insistence that the final document abandon even the implication that abortion is legitimate, a demand that U.S. and most other delegations are unwilling to grant. The document makes frequent references to providing "reproductive health services," a category understood by international health experts to include abortion.

"No one should have any illusion that there's going to be some kind of result that causes the Vatican to sign this document," Vice President Al Gore, who heads the U.S. delegation, said after a meeting Tuesday morning with leaders of the Vatican delegation.

ROBBERY: Breakfast at Tiffany's Leaves Plate Clean

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bomb-resistant vaults, alarms, hidden cameras, guards and other precautions. Tiffany's was thought to be only slightly less vulnerable than the nation's gold reserves at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The robbers, however, appeared to breeze through the technical problems with the right combination of timing, tricks and threats. Investigators said. It began at 11:40 P.M. on Sunday as the first of two Tiffany security guards on a midnight-to-8 A.M. shift arrived to replace two guards who were inside, waiting to go off duty.

The guard wore jeans and a windbreaker. The police spokesman said, "Obviously

they knew who he was." One man put an arm around the guard's shoulder and an automatic pistol in his ribs, investigators said.

Following instructions, the police said, the arriving security guard told a guard inside that he was with "my cousins" and was huzzed in. The three guards and a fourth who arrived for work minutes later were bound with duct tape.

In the security office, the intruders obtained a key to the main retail sales room on the ground floor and electronically disabled a set of alarms linked to the merchandise display cases in the room, a hospital chamber.

While one robber watched the guards, the other spent

about 20 minutes in the sales room, investigators said.

Then, police said, one robber asked, "Who's going to take me upstairs?" apparently referring to another security office on the second floor where the video cameras were located.

When there were no volunteers, the police quoted the guards as telling them: "He became very irate," and "Don't let me ask again." With that urging, the guard who had been intercepted in the street volunteered.

When they left, the robbers issued a final warning, according to the police, who quoted one as saying: "We know who you are and where you live, so if you say anything to the police we're going to get you."

FRIENDS: On the Steppe, U.S. and Russia Engage in a 'War' in Peace

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the Americans relate to us," agreed Arthur Gulko, 26, a Russian captain. "But it turns out most of them are normal guys."

The exercise in peacekeeping activities, which has been in the planning for a year, aroused strong opposition from Russian nationalists, who called it the first step of an American invasion and another plot to weaken a once-great superpower.

Former Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi condemned the exercise, and several dozen Communists and their sympathizers camped outside the training ground here, 1,125 kilometers (700 miles) south-east of Moscow.

Opposition in the Parliament last spring prompted President Boris N. Yeltsin to postpone the maneuvers, originally scheduled for July. But U.S. offers to move the exercise to the United States met with a chilly reception from the cash-strapped Russian Defense Ministry, which could not afford to transport its troops across the Atlantic. And so the nine-day operation began here Friday.

Toukoye was also the site of a Soviet above-ground, 20-kiloton nuclear explosion in 1954. Americans who conducted tests here say that an hour at the epicenter still gives about as much radiation as one X-ray. Radiation at the exercise sites 10 kilometers from the epicenter is normal, they said.

"There are two tourist sites in this area — the natural springs, and ground zero," said Lieutenant Colonel Ray B. Shepherd. The speed with

Cuba's Woes Affect Country Folk, Too

Village's Cohesion Suffers, But There's No Rush to Flee

By Tim Golden

New York Times Service

LA FE, Cuba — There are no rafts in the quiet gulf that presses up to this small town on Cuba's western end, only children splashing around under the hot late-summer sun and fishing boats tethered to the shore.

Though some hungry townsfolk have taken to stealing food from their neighbors' homes, no one has yet tried to steal any of the boats. In a town whose name translates as Faith, no one seems to have turned decisively against the Revolution.

But stories of the thousands of desperate people fleeing the island have dominated conversation for weeks. The people of La Fe are asking the same questions asked by those who take to the rafts, and getting many of the same answers.

"What can you hope for?" demanded Lazaro Rodriguez, a young laborer who is the father of three small children. "There is no future here."

Among the great majority of Cubans, the ones who have stayed, there are some who cling to the Revolution's promise of a more developed society and others who, on its worst days, remember things as having been worse before.

There are people, especially in the provinces, who could not imagine abandoning the homeland. And there are those who would leave in a flash but will not risk their lives to be confined indefinitely at a U.S. base.

Yet even for some of the die-hard revolutionaries in Havana who look on the continuing spectacle of the rafts with disgust or disbelief, the exodus seems to have heightened a sense of urgency about Cuba's steep economic decline.

"At the beginning, we thought all of this could come apart," said a woman studying to be an army

counterintelligence officer. She was referring to the hijackings of state-owned boats and a riot in Havana that prompted the government to start letting people leave the island freely last month.

"Maybe it will help that they leave," the woman said. "In the provinces people are more tranquil. But they have to struggle to eat, and they get crazy."

As in the past, the bitterness of Cubans' private complaints may be a poor measure of their patience with the Communist government that Fidel Castro brought to power 35 years ago.

The government has been quick to stop the daily power blackouts and to put scarce cooking oil back in the stores. Some rationed foods that for months existed only on the thriving black market have become available again.

But what the government has not provided is any clear sign that it will take the sort of radical measures that foreign economic advisers say are needed if Cuba is to salvage its crumbling industrial plant, revive food production in the countryside and attract foreign investment.

"The question I ask myself is the same one that I think everyone else asks: What is going to happen here?" a 48-year-old architect said in his home in a working-class Havana neighborhood. "And I cannot see a way out of this, not in the direction we are heading now."

As a stream of his friends have traveled abroad on professional delegations and defected, the man said, he has only struggled harder to survive in Cuba. Though he does not hesitate to criticize the government elite, he appreciates the Revolution's social achievements.

But even with a good job, he earns only 340 pesos a month, about \$4 at the black-market exchange rate.



Rwandan refugee children in Goma, Zaire, waiting to have identity pictures taken in the UN's effort to reunite families.

Seoul Questions Fresh U.S.-North Korea Contacts

By T. R. Reid and Lee Keum Hyun

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TOKYO — South Korea's foreign minister is undertaking a hastily scheduled visit to Washington this week amid rising fear in South Korea that the United States might be getting overly friendly with the Communist government in the North.

The minister, Han Sung Joo, is expected to convey to the Clinton administration the nagging worries in Seoul about Washington's increasing contacts with North Korea — just as a U.S. government team is preparing for a visit to Pyongyang next weekend.

South Korea fears that, amid U.S. efforts to persuade the North to give up its alleged nuclear weapons program and, ultimately, to abandon communism, Pyongyang could start to rival Seoul as an American partner.

Policy makers and journalists in South Korea have worked themselves into a state of near-

Junior Kim in Charge, Seoul Analysts Say

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SEOUL — North Korea has suggested that Kim Jong Il is now carrying out the duties of head of state, a report in Seoul said Tuesday.

The state-funded Naewoe Press, which monitors and analyzes North Korean media, said that Kim Jong Il had indirectly "exchanged greetings" with the presidents of Sudan and Mali, according to North Korea's Central Radio.

Mr. Kim's greetings were passed on by Vice President Pak Sung Chul during a visit to Libya.

"The fact that Kim Jong Il exchanged greetings through a North Korean government delegation with foreign heads of state and that it was reported by the official media suggest that Kim Jong Il is virtually carrying out the duties of head of state," Naewoe Press said.

Kim Il Sung, who died July 8, designated his eldest son as his political heir. But the junior Kim has not yet been formally named as state president or party chief.

(Reuters, AFP)

panic at the thought that Washington might strike an independent diplomatic deal with the North.

U.S. officials deny any possibility of a break with Seoul. Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and other officials presumably will assure Mr. Han that the U.S.-South Korea alliance is still strong.

Whether or not Mr. Han's

worries are well-founded, there has been a remarkable change in U.S.-North Korean relations since the start of the summer.

Less than three months ago, relations between Washington and Pyongyang were icy. Clinton administration officials repeatedly declared that North Korea was a menace to the region and one of the most serious threats to world peace.

The compliment in daily blasts at U.S. policy.

But now, U.S.-North Korea negotiations are moving ahead so fast that the U.S. delegation going to Pyongyang is expected to discuss, among other things, possible sites for a U.S. diplomatic mission in North Korea.

The United States has never had diplomatic relations with the North.

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Tutsi Troops Move Into UN 'Safe Zone'

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KIGALI, Rwanda — Troops of Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated government moved Tuesday into UN-protected "safe zones" in the southwest, where hundreds of thousands of Hutus have fled for fear of revenge attacks.

As many as 150 soldiers of the new government moved into the protection zone set up by French troops, who withdrew last month, said Shahrar Khan, the UN special representative for Rwanda.

Platoons went to Cyangugu, Gikongoro and Kibuye to secure a radio relay station, a tea factory and local government offices, Mr. Khan said.

The move contradicted earlier statements by the government that its first personnel in the region would be civilians. The only civilian officials there were four customs agents on the Rwanda-Zaire border.

The Rwanda Patriotic Front soldiers are likely to bring the entire area under government control within a month, he said.

"It doesn't mean that the date the RPF completes its

presence in the sector we will withdraw," Mr. Khan said.

He said the UN troops might remain in the zone despite the presence of government soldiers. The transition from UN to government control in the sector is being controlled jointly with the government, he said.

French troops moved into Rwanda from Zaire on June 23 and established the protection zone as a sanctuary for hundreds of thousands of frightened Hutu fleeing the advance of the Patriotic Front troops.

Mr. Khan said the United Nations puts the number of refugees in the zone at 480,000, down from a high of 1.2 million.

An estimated 500,000 people, mostly Tutsi civilians, were massacred in three months of fighting and ethnic slaughter in Rwanda. Many of the Hutu were afraid the Patriotic Front would kill them in retaliation.

President Pasteur Bizimungu, Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramungu and their cabinet ministers have been touring the country, trying to raise public confidence in the new government.

(AP, Reuters)

Authors Allege Cannibalism In 1960s China

Reuters

NEW YORK — A new book alleges that Chinese government cafeterias served human flesh after Communist Party officials ordered "class enemies" eaten during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

The publisher, Times Books, said classified documents used for the book indicated "the biggest episode of cannibalism in modern times" occurred in south China, mostly in 1967.

"China Wakes," written by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, who are married, says that government cafeterias not only served human flesh but displayed corpses dangling from meathooks, according to the publisher.

The authors were Beijing correspondents for The New York Times in 1988-93 and won a Pulitzer Prize.

An End to the Anastasia Mystery? Maybe

By Michael Specter

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Saying they have resolved one of the enduring mysteries of 20th century history, a Russian government commission reported Tuesday that Princess Anastasia was indeed murdered along with her family by the Bolsheviks in 1918.

The commission, directed by Deputy Prime Minister Yuri F. Yarov, reached its conclusions after two years of forensic, anthropological and molecular analysis of nine skeletons found in a shallow pit near the city of Ekaterinburg.

An article revealing the commission's findings appeared on the front page of Tuesday's issue of the newspaper Sevodnya. Although a news release issued Tuesday stated flatly that Anastasia's bones were lying with those of her father, Czar Nicholas II, and all but two of the other members of her family, the commission stopped short of releasing the entire report, saying it wanted to wait until experts from Britain who had already worked on the analysis reviewed the findings.

If true, however, the report could bring to an end one of the most bizarre and intriguing quests of the century: Did the young princess slip away to safety? Could she have been living all this time in the West?

Over the years women claiming to be Anastasia have surfaced almost as often as Elvis impersonators, and her fate has been debated as vigorously, and as frequently, as the chain of events leading to the murder of President John F. Kennedy. An entire industry — of royalists, immigrants, anti-communists, and above all romantics — has grown up and thrived on the conjecture that Anastasia survived the brutal murder of her family. Molecular evidence, whatever it shows, is unlikely to silence the storm.

"This 'me they think they found her,' said Edward Radzinsky, author of "The Last Czar," an extremely detailed, best-selling history of the events leading to the execution of Czar Nicholas II, his family and their retinue on the morning of July 17, 1918. "For you in the West it is incredible news. For me, there are many other questions. When they find Alexei and Maria then it will be sensational. But for you, I think, the legend will never end."

The report said that the bones of Alexei, the heir to the throne, and Maria, his older sis-

ter, were not among those found with the family. Mr. Radzinsky, a member of the commission, said in an interview Tuesday that he was aware of the findings but not that the government had decided to release them.

He said he had assumed that there would be no announcement until every scientist who had studied the issue signed off on the final papers. Queen Elizabeth II of England is scheduled to visit Russia next month, and the article in Sevodnya suggested that the government wanted to announce its findings then.

The story surrounding Anastasia's escape was one of the

sustaining myths of Communist times. But there was never any proof to support it, and few who knew much about Lenin — who personally ordered the executions — believed that he would have permitted mercy to be directed toward any member of the royal family.

"In the West they never understood the nature of the Bolsheviks," said Geli T. Ryabov, who has written often on the czar's death. "They killed tens of millions of people and they never spared anyone. It was a nice legend about Anastasia, but always only a legend."

After the Bolsheviks seized power in 1917, Czar Nicholas, Czarina Alexandra and their

five children were sent into exile in eastern Russia. They lived there until the next year, when they were shot in the basement of a house in Ekaterinburg. For political reasons, Lenin allowed speculation about the whereabouts of the family. Eventually the government announced that only the czar had been killed.

In 1991, a grave was discovered in Ekaterinburg with nine bodies. They were thought to be those of five members of the imperial family, three servants and the family doctor.

Russian anthropologists tentatively identified the remains as belonging to the imperial family, a conclusion that was later supported by a team of six American experts.



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India's Dirty Little War

A relentless, deadly struggle goes on and on in India's mainly Muslim state of Kashmir, where New Delhi is trying to crush forces seeking independence or union with Pakistan. The violence comes from both sides, but India's obdurate insistence on resolving a political problem by force has increasingly enmeshed it in a campaign of lawless state terrorism. The ugly results are documented in a new study by Human Rights Watch/Asia.

Regrettably, Washington, instead of raising its voice to defend human rights, has lowered it in an effort to improve commercial and diplomatic ties. The United States may have little power to deter India from repression, but the Clinton administration should assert American disapproval more forthrightly.

Kashmir's political status has been disputed almost since the subcontinent was partitioned in 1947. A local Muslim uprising drew armed support from Pakistan. The Hindu maharajah then called in Indian troops who recaptured most of his lost territory. The two countries have confronted each other over tense ceasefire lines ever since. Meanwhile, on the Indian side, a promised plebiscite was never held, and the state was formally incorporated into India in 1954. Separatist agitation continued on and off, flaring again into open conflict in 1989.

Some pro-Pakistan militant groups have resorted to terrorist deeds like kidnapping, assassination and extortion and even to common crime. No political grievance can justify such acts. But Human Rights Watch/Asia reports that Indian forces, which are obliged to follow higher standards, have resorted to repression.

A Real Solution for Cuba

"To find a real solution," says Cuba's delegate to so far slow-moving talks with the United States in New York, "you have to deal with the causes of the emigration." On that basic point, Ricardo Alarcon is on the mark. The emigration issues lying between the two countries arise from fundamental causes and cannot usefully be treated apart from them. The Clinton administration's effort to distinguish an emigration agenda from a broader political agenda is artificial and cannot be sustained.

Still, Mr. Alarcon's complaint is itself inadequate, one-sided and unresponsive to the full requirements — and opportunities — of the new crisis in U.S.-Cuban relations. For he wishes to treat only one of the "causes" of Cuban emigration, the American embargo, which feeds the misery pushing desperate freedom-seeking Cubans to dangerous flight. He altogether ignores a second and deeper cause, Fidel Castro's one-party — or, more accurately, one-man — rule. The embargo plays into the Cuban Communist leader's hands now by handing him a nationalist banner. But in fact the regime is cause, not consequence, of the embargo. End the regime, and there will be no embargo.

Get On With the Trade Bill

The minority leader in the Senate, Bob Dole, says there is no need to rush on a trade bill, arguing that there would be no harm in putting it over until next year. We think he is wrong. We also think he is taking his party, with its admirable modern free-trade history, onto new and risky political ground. This bill will bring U.S. law into conformity with the world trade agreement finally negotiated this year. The agreement was a project that, to their credit, the Reagan and Bush administrations both vigorously pursued. The Clinton administration has finished it up but has not much changed its contours.

In expanding the volume of world trade, the pact would have an enormously healthy effect on the U.S. and other world economies. Some industries nonetheless resist because they would lose protected status. Other critics claim — they are wrong — that the pact could lead to a weakening of U.S. labor and environmental standards and loss of sovereignty.

Delay at this moment is a bad idea. The trade talks went on for seven years. Members of Congress and parties at interest were richly consulted throughout by three administrations. U.S. failure to approve the result could be a setback to approval worldwide. The House Ways and Means and Senate Finance committees (Mr. Dole is a member of Finance) are well along in the process of producing a bill that under the well-established fast-track rules that govern such matters would then be put to an up-or-down vote in both houses before adjournment. The process ought to go forward.

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, chairman of the Finance Committee, followed Mr. Dole on the Senate floor last

month. The trade bill, he said, represents "an enormous opportunity." He continued: "A curious left and right alliance has risen up against it. I think we can answer their questions. We will certainly have an opportunity." In the end, the chairman said, "there will be more jobs, more wealth and more revenue for the federal government." That was the basis on which "a substantially unanimous Finance Committee" had approved its version of the bill. Senator Dole had been part of that action, "one of the leaders." He should stay a leader on the bill and work for its passage now.

Other Comment

A Changed Vision After Cairo

Never have the economic and environmental effects of population growth had such serious implications for the future of mankind. The UN Conference on Population and Development in Cairo has accordingly attracted widespread interest. The long-term success of the Cairo conference will not be reflected in its final document, but rather in the fact that the latest knowledge on the interrelationship between education, health care, the status of women and population change is more widely spread through the media. It is up to the people of the South to decide how to put that knowledge to use. But the North has another responsibility: to lead the transition to a more environmentally sound mode of development that the world as a whole can afford.

— Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich).

The Subcontinent Doesn't Need Indian Ballistic Missiles

By Sumit Ganguly and Mitchell Reiss

WASHINGTON — India will soon decide whether to start mass-producing and deploying its short-range ballistic missile, the Prithvi, which can carry nuclear weapons. New Delhi should resist such a move. It would damage Indian security, trigger a ballistic-missile arms race with Pakistan, risk destabilizing an already volatile region, and increase the chances of a fourth war between the two major military powers in South Asia.

With a 500-kilogram warhead, the Prithvi missile has a range of 250 kilometers, but its inaccuracy leads many analysts to suspect that it is really designed to carry nuclear weapons.

R. James Woolsey, director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, has stated that India could build nuclear bombs within a short time if it decided to do so, and that South Asia is the "most probable prospect" for a nuclear war. Tensions have been aggravated by a recent assertion by Nawaz Sharif, the former prime minister of Pakistan, that his country has a nuclear weapon.

New Delhi is understandably proud of the scientific and technological prowess that the Prithvi represents. And it has

legitimate security concerns on both its western and northern flanks. Relations with Pakistan remain tense, as the two sides continue to joust over Kashmir and quarrel in a host of lesser disputes. Although India signed a series of confidence-building measures with China in September 1993, New Delhi is wary about Beijing's military buildup, its continued testing of nuclear weapons and its aspirations for Asian leadership.

However, deploying the Prithvi would be contrary to India's strategic interests. The missile cannot deter Beijing because it cannot reach China's main population centers. For that reason, New Delhi is developing a longer-range missile, the Agni, which should be ready in a few years. The Prithvi also would add little to India's military superiority over Pakistan, which it has defeated in three wars. Nor would it stop Pakistan from continuing its support of Kashmiri militants.

Further, Pakistan would be compelled to match India's missile deployments by deploying the M-11 ballistic missiles it has received from China. Currently,

these missiles are in storage crates, un assembled. Pakistani officials have privately told the Clinton administration that Pakistan would immediately assemble and deploy the M-11 should India start up the Prithvi production line.

Neither India nor Pakistan could afford the costs of a ballistic-missile arms race. Each would be obliged to devote ever greater resources to missile programs and, as a hedge, to nuclear weapons as well. Major lenders and aid donors, such as Japan and Germany, would take a jaundiced view of scarce financial and scientific resources being used in this way.

Deployment of the Prithvi would aggravate New Delhi's relations with Washington, which launched a major initiative earlier this year to freeze nuclear and ballistic missile programs in the region. The Clinton administration is discussing the transfer of technology to improve the safety and security of the nuclear reactors used by India to generate electricity. It is inconceivable that the U.S. Congress would allow this in the face of ballistic missile deployments.

More worrisome from India's perspective is that the U.S. Congress might react to the Prithvi deployment by rethinking the wisdom of the Pressler amendment, which has prevented Pakistan from receiving U.S. military and economic assistance since 1990 because of Islamabad's nuclear weapons program. The amendment was not intended to give India a free hand to develop its own ballistic-missile and nuclear programs. If the amendment is lifted, India will have achieved for Pakistan what Pakistan has been unable to achieve for itself.

Indian officials and analysts have so far dismissed these points. They have contended that ballistic missiles are not very different from the advanced jet aircraft that are already present in the region and that they will contribute to deterrence. Such arguments overlook the special characteristics of ballistic missiles and the strategic environment in which they would be deployed.

Because they fly very fast and high, they are far less likely than aircraft to be shot down. They cannot be recalled after launching. Hundreds of ballistic missiles in the subcontinent would strain fragile command and control links, increasing the chance of accidental launching.

Psychologically, ballistic missile deployments would make each side feel far more vulnerable and less secure than before. At the very least, they would introduce one more element of uncertainty into an already strained relationship.

To prevent a ruinous preemptive military strike, each side would be sorely tempted to adopt a launch-on-warning strategy. Given the short distances involved — Lahore, Islamabad, Bombay and New Delhi could all be reached within ten minutes of a launching — missile forces would require instantaneous decisions made under enormous pressure on the basis of inadequate information. This is a recipe for disaster.

A ballistic-missile arms race in South Asia would not necessarily lead to war, but it would undoubtedly increase the level of mistrust and anxiety in an already tense region and exponentially enlarge the degree of devastation should a new war occur between India and Pakistan.

Deploying Prithvi would not enhance India's security vis-à-vis China or provide a meaningful advantage over Pakistan. It would offend international leaders and greatly irritate relations with the United States. Self-interest alone should persuade Indian decision-makers not to deploy the missile.

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Making Waves in the Murky Nuclear Potion

By S. Nihal Singh

DUBAI — The assertion by former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif that Pakistan has an atom bomb is a disturbing development for peace in the subcontinent. If indeed it is true that Pakistan has a bomb, it will come as no surprise to the world. But the claim by a person who should know destabilizes an equilibrium that has been painfully constructed.

Pakistan and India have maintained a calculated ambiguity on their nuclear status. Both say that although they are capable of making nuclear weapons, their programs are geared to peaceful purposes. Pakistanis in some authority had declared in the past that they had the bomb, but this is the first time a former prime minister has acknowledged it.

Nawaz Sharif's motive in making the Aug. 23 pronouncement, whose import he was fully aware, was primarily domestic. He was trying to embarrass his arch rival, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. He decided that he had more to gain from the embarrassment it would cause her than he would lose in the international repercussions it would have.

India's reaction was predictable, with Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao saying that his country could quickly assemble the bomb to meet a threat. He needed to reassure his people that with this seeming confirmation of Pakistan's possession of the bomb, his government was mindful of India's security interests. The stance of calculated ambiguity on the bomb was important for India and

Pakistan for retaining the nuclear option while declaring that they did not actually possess the bomb. Also, it made the task of the two countries' interlocutors, especially the United States, easier in their efforts to cap, if not roll back, the nuclear programs. Nawaz Sharif's declaration means that it will be difficult for either country to display greater flexibility.

While India exploded a nuclear device in 1974, Pakistan's nuclear program has assumed a greater domestic salience because it is being increasingly equated with nationhood. Benazir's late father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, vowed that his countrymen would eat grass to acquire a nuclear capability. Any effort to forgo the bomb is equated with treason.

Neither India nor Pakistan has signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. New Delhi's consistent stand has been that the treaty is inequitable, and it is no secret that it views retention of the nuclear option with an eye on a possible threat from nuclear-armed China. Pakistan says it will sign the treaty when India does, knowing the Indian position.

Washington has recognized for some time that no Pakistani or Indian government can sign the nonproliferation treaty and survive in office. It has sought to get the two countries to agree to a regime approaching the treaty — in effect, trying to have them cap their programs.

The United States now recognizes the Chinese dimension of the Indian approach, but a U.S.-inspired proposal, first articulated by Pakistan, for a conference of India and Pakistan with the United States, Russia and China did not fly because New Delhi suspected that it would have nothing to gain from it, apart from the absurdity of converting China into a possible guarantor.

Nawaz Sharif's declaration comes at an awkward time for the Bhutto government. Islamabad's efforts have been aimed to getting the country out of the ambit of the Pressler Amendment, which bars the United States from granting military assistance until the president can testify to Pakistan's nuclear virginity. A consignment of F-16s, ordered and paid for by Pakistan, remains in the United States. A conditional American offer to release them on the basis of a Pakistani commitment on nuclear policy has got nowhere.

Pakistani officials have of course denied Nawaz Sharif's claim. But the United States, still struggling to resolve the North Korean nuclear crisis, can hardly welcome this new twist to the subcontinent's nuclear capabilities.

Washington's initial reaction has been to let the domestic storm in Pakistan blow over. But with Pakistan's tactic of seeking to embarrass India on the disputed Kashmir state at every forum it can, there is greater incentive for India to exploit its neighbor's embarrassment on the bomb.

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'Never Again' in Rwanda Means the United States Can't Walk Away

By S. Frederick Starr

WASHINGTON — The cycle of horror in Rwanda is far from over. This became clear last week to members of an American presidential mission touring the region. Led by Representative Donald Payne, Democrat of New Jersey, and C. Payne Lucas of Africa, the multinational delegation, of which I was a part, inspected the vast refugee camps at Goma, Zaire, met with officials of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and visited hospital and aid facilities in the war-torn Rwandan capital of Kigali.

The group also met with the president and prime minister of the new government formed by the Rwanda Popular Front and interviewed the president and minister of defense of Burundi, the country adjoining Rwanda that could be swept into the holocaust of remorseless killing that cost some 1 million lives in Rwanda itself.

True, the picture we saw had a few bright spots. Americans can take pride in the way the U.S. armed forces and private

groups opened supply routes to Rwanda and provided water and sanitation that cut the death rate at the sprawling refugee camps from several thousand a day to barely 100. Beyond this, the Tutsi-dominated government in Kigali seems ready to welcome Hutu into positions of leadership and to discipline members of its army who engage in reprisals against those suspected of having participated in this April's genocide. And in Burundi, a few sober voices genuinely seek reconciliation and democracy as an alternative to a further blood bath in their country.

Yet we also detected danger signs on every side. More than 2 million Hutu refugees from Rwanda have created makeshift cities in Zaire, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi. Among them are thousands who participated in the genocide. The former government of Rwanda never surrendered and instead called for tactical retreat across the border. Its leaders are now in the camps. They have enough money to pay the 25,000-man Hutu army, which is also in the camps and still partially armed.

This government in exile is able to maintain a network of tens of thousands of militiamen throughout the camp system. It clearly intends to return to Rwanda and eventually reclaim the reins of power. Until then, the Hutu army and militia forces have shown themselves to be ready to murder anyone who sets out for home on his own.

Many may soon choose to do so. The approach of the rainy season is threatening to reverse recent gains in sanitation in the camps. Disease-bearing flies already are resistant to several powerful pesticides. Thus, the refugees are caught in a deadly grip between their own exile government and the forces of nature.

The new government in Rwanda can offer little encouragement to those in the camps who yearn to return to a normal life rather than participate in a new round of butchery. With neither electricity nor working telephones in its half-deserted capital, it is incapable of providing even the most rudimentary services to the traumatized population. And if further strife erupts, can this Kigali government really control its army of AK-47-wielding 16-year-olds?

Burundi too, remains a tinderbox. Only last October some 100,000 people were slaughtered in the country. The international community scarcely took notice. Members of the mission sensed that Burundi's acting president, Pasteur Bizimungu, understands the need for ethnic reconciliation and democracy. But only days before we arrived in the capital, Bujumbura, there were rumors of a coup, and nightly murders in both the city and the countryside have continued for months. These acts of violence are the work of rival ethnic bands, many inflamed by calls for genocide spread by a clandestine Hutu radio station.

What, if anything, can be done to avert further horrors in Rwanda and Burundi? The former Rwandan army ensconced in the refugee camp near Goma in Zaire must be disarmed. United Nations forces are not authorized to carry out this mission, which will require the cooperation of Zaire's dictator, Mobutu Sese Seko. The United States must work to broker this deal, distasteful though it may be.

Leaders of the former government and army must be separated from the camps at Goma in order to prevent further intimidation of

those seeking to leave peacefully and repatriate themselves. The United States and other countries must provide the aid to re-establish rudimentary infrastructures in Rwanda. Private organizations should redouble their efforts to improve sanitation in the camps. The U.S. Air Force should again be charged with ferrying supplies as needed.

The United States must work with other countries to establish an international tribunal to bring those responsible for the genocide to justice. This is an essential for reconciliation among the ethnic groups divided population of Rwanda. It would provide the strongest possible signal to Burundi as well.

The United States should undertake each of these tasks in concert with other countries, through the United Nations or other groupings. This should not be America's responsibility alone, but it should provide leadership. America did, after all, sit on the sidelines while a million people were hacked to death in April. This passivity crippled the ability of the United Nations to take action when it was most needed.

Now U.S. attention has shifted to Haiti and Cuba, as if America has somehow fulfilled its moral and political obligations in Central Africa. Nothing could be further from the truth. To walk away from Rwanda and Burundi would be to admit that we have learned nothing from the other instances of genocide in this century. It is time to say "Never again" and to mean it.

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Singing Ireland's Sad Entanglement

By Karl E. Meyer

NEW YORK — "It's Over!" Read a headline in The Belfast Telegraph when the Irish Republican Army announced a cessation of its war against British rule in Northern Ireland. This time, it may be so. But you can be sure there will be no cease-fire in Ireland's truly abiding conflict, the war of words.

Other disputes between kindred peoples may have lasted longer and involved bigger pieces of territory. But no quarrel I can think of has generated more eloquent speeches, songs, novels and plays, and more means of poetry, than that in the Emerald Isle. Here if nowhere else, in Shelley's memorable phrase, poets have been the unrecognized legislators of mankind.

Alas, it cannot be said that this has helped the quest for peace. The songs, the slogans and heroic folktales all have tended to harden the conflict between Republicans who want a united Ireland and unionists who wish indefinitely to remain part of Britain.

This is notably the case in Belfast during the summertime "marching season," when contending communities emerge from their respective barricades to cheer parades that resound with drum and brass and martial songs laced with fighting words.

The North's Protestants know by heart the scores of songs recalling the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, when James II, a papist and a Stuart, was beaten by William of Orange. Fables mingle with defiance in the opposing songs of the North's Catholic minority, which keep fresh the memory of abundant tragedies past. The presentiment of death forms a common theme, as in the poignant song "Londonderry Air":

Oh darlin' boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side
The summer's gone and all the roses falling
It's you, it's you must go and I must bid adieu
But come ye back when summer's in the meadow
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow
I'll be here in sunshine and in shadow
Oh darlin' boy, I love you, love you so.

Poetry comforts, but it also keeps alive the sorrows of defeat, betrayal and sacrifice long past. When Beethoven, the British press lord, learned of the disaster, Easter Rebellion in 1916, he called his Irish friend Tom Healy (later the Irish Free State) and this exchange followed: "Is there a rebellion?" "There is!" "When did it break

out?" "When Strongbow invaded Ireland!" "When will it end?" "When Cromwell gets out of hell!" (As every Irish nationalist knows, Strongbow was a Norman who invaded in 1170.) Still, all this eloquence flows from the tragic entanglement resulting from England's attempt to change, even eliminate the culture and religion of a different people.

To that end, Scottish Protestants colonized Ulster, Catholics were denied political rights, and laws enthroned a Protestant ascendancy, recurrent popular uprisings were crushed and their leaders hanged.

The meaning of this history was wisely expressed by George Bernard Shaw, Dublin-bred and a Protestant, whose other political judgments were often foolish. But on the matter of Ireland, he was surely right in his preface, written in 1907, to "John Bull's Other Island":

"Nationalism stands between Ireland and the light of the world. Nobody of any intelligence likes nationalism any more than a man with a broken arm likes having it set. A healthy nation is as unconscious of its nationality as a healthy man of his bones. But if you break a nation's nationality, it will think of nothing else but getting it set again."

Ireland's war of words is just one expression of that pain. The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Abyssinian's Visit

PARIS — King Menelik of Abyssinia is coming northward with the object of obtaining a recognition of his independence. He may not reach Rome until he has visited all the other capitals, in order to proclaim in unmistakable terms that he does not mean to be regarded as the protégé of Italy. Now that African questions are absorbing the attention of European Powers, his visit has a special significance. Abyssinia, by its geographical situation, between the Red Sea on one side and the Lower Nile on the other, may become an important factor in the great African problem, which is still far from a solution.

1919: Liberty Replica

BORDEAUX — At the month of the Gironde River was laid this morning [Sept. 6] the corner-

stone of the replica of the statue of Liberty which will commemorate the arrival of the first American troops in France.

1944: Poor G.I.s in Paris

PARIS — [From our New York edition:] For the first time since the war began the American soldier is a poor man. With his high rate of pay the G.I. has been a comparative plutocrat in most parts of the world, but when he comes into Paris now he finds that the old American dollar is a puny sort of thing which is good for little more than a tip. Under the Germans, prices rose to fantastic heights. American soldiers go into a Paris restaurant thinking they have enough to cover anything they may eat or drink. Then, when the bill comes there comes that awful moment when a man realizes he has bought something he cannot pay for.



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OPINION

A Major Advance in Cairo
Against Genital Mutilation

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — In all the talk, hope and fury about the Cairo conference, one agreed sentence has received almost no public or press attention. That is a pity. The sentence is of importance to women specifically, but it touches every man because it is an achievement for human rights and human decency.

The sentence is to be treated for still another reason. It was inspired not by governments, international agencies or great political or religious movements but by individuality — the individual determination by a small number of people that a dreadful cruelty should not endure.

The grass-roots workers against this cruelty put themselves at risk. The declaration will give them status and authority.

In the forthcoming Cairo declaration, the sentence reads:

"Governments are urged to prohibit female genital mutilation wherever it exists and to give vigorous support to efforts among non-government and community organizations and religious institutions to eliminate such practices."

For centuries, nobody cared that every day thousands of human beings were put to the knife, in a form of torture that could leave them permanently damaged, physically or mentally, or shorten their lives.

All these human beings are girls or very young women. The specially sad thing was that the sufferers did not really grasp that they were victims. They thought that was the way things had to be for them, being female.

Then, here and there, people said they did care and how dreadful it was, female genital mutilation: the excision of the clitoris or all or part of the labia minora or part of the labia majora, the sewing together of sides of the vulva, all without anesthesia, to prolong virginity and reduce the threat of female sexual pleasure.

Two million times a year it still happens — 80 million living victims. But most of the people who said they cared did not actually do anything. Colonial or independent rulers in the 28 African countries where the practice is common, foreign governments or international agencies, all did nothing. They did not want to risk "interfering with local customs."

Journalism and a few major West

ern women's organizations spared a little time and heart — a little.

But now some people are beginning not only to care but to do. Nobody ever brought them together in united, well-funded large organizations. They are just people, maybe a few thousand around the world, who decided that as individuals they could not stand it anymore.

Some Western women are among them, contributing with their talents, energies and money. Most of the small group of doers are African women. They have known the mutilation knife and want to spare their daughters — everybody's daughters.

They call themselves "grass-roots" workers. They go into the villages and towns of their countries talking, talking with mothers and with women trained to mutilate. Whenever they can they talk with officials of their countries. They put themselves at risk physically and socially.

There are a few in the United States. One of them is Mimi Ramsey, mutilated at age 5 in Ethiopia, who came to America about 20 years ago. She says mutilation is practiced in the United States by some immigrants from Africa. She searches out African families, using money earned from nursing to travel the country, talking and pleading.

Efua Dorkenoo, born in Ghana, helped put together an organization called Forward and an anti-mutilation project in Ghana. This Wednesday, Queen Elizabeth II will honor Ms. Dorkenoo and Britain by making her an honorary officer of the Order of the British Empire.

By now, a little bouquet of organizations, small and underfunded, exist in the West to fight genital mutilation. Information can be obtained, among other places, from Equality Now, P.O. Box 20646, Columbus Circle Station, New York, N.Y. 10023, telephone/fax 212-586-0906.

Nobody expects the sentence urging prohibition of genital mutilation to wipe it out. But generation after generation, the world would not even consider the idea of international prohibition. The declaration at least will give the grass-roots workers status and authority.

Who knows, it might even spur the U.S. Agency for International Development, Unicef and the World Bank to contribute more than a pittance from their fat budgets.

Anyway, for the small group of individuals who made Cairo a landmark in the struggle against female genital mutilation, three things are certainly now in order. They are attention, funds and embraces.

The New York Times

Of a Mouse and Friends, and Passage From Cell to Liberty

By Léon Bancael

Fifty years ago this Wednesday, Mickey Mouse was welcomed back to France as a symbol of the Allied liberation by Léon Bancael, editor of the Marseille daily *Le Provençal*. Mr. Bancael (1893-1966) gave the welcome in a sequel to an editorial he had written two years earlier. "Au Revoir, Mickey," had appeared on Oct. 1, 1942, in *Le Petit Marseillais* after the German occupiers banned American films.

"The times we are living through are not for smiling," he wrote then. Indeed they were not, as he was soon reminded — and as he recounted in 1944 in "Bonjour, Mickey," translated here by Arthur Higbee for the *International Herald Tribune*.

MEANWHILE

tender Mimie, your sweetheart; Donald, the eternal grumbler, and the long-faced Pluto. I am thinking of all those young men with clear eyes and sunbaked skin who wear the initials "U.S." on their caps and who, with their friends on this side of the ocean, the British and also the Russians (whom we don't see because they're far away), bring back to us an excited goddess. Liberty. How welcome you all are!

Humans are strange animals, as you well know. Their hearts are full of secret turnings. They often have an unconscious sympathy for those who have given them trouble. I'm human, Mickey, and for the past two years I have liked you even more.

One evening, soldiers in green, like grasshoppers, burst into my house. They seized me and led me to a huge building whose doors, thick and heavy, had triple locks, and whose windows, high and narrow, had solid bars. They locked me up, first in a large room, and then in a small one with neither bed nor furniture, where I found numerous and brilliant company.

And there I lived as if in an animated cartoon, which was both interesting and

painful. The soldiers in green bayed all day. We ate raw vegetables and poorly cooked turnips. We played before with cards so worn that we could barely make out the figures and the suits. Now and then we got a sort of promenade in a sunless courtyard surrounded by high walls. When night fell, battalions of bedbugs parachuted onto our heads and into our mess tins. In the shadows, one would have called it a rain of tiny swastikas.

Every day new companions arrived. Often, alas, their faces and bodies were bloody. They were returning from a villa on the rue Paradis, where a certain Müller ruled over all. He had summoned them to a "correct" conversation, as so many idiots said at the time — that is, accompanied by severe "corrections." From time to time, some of them left in groups with a slender bundle of clothes. Where to? We didn't know. But they still haven't come back and we would be happy to hug them again in our arms, when your friends will have liberated them.

One day, your name came up. With his eyes on a long typewritten sheet, after numerous questions about matters that were very delicate at the time, a man with a shaven head and gold-rimmed glasses said to me, in the most serious way in the world, "Why did you say 'au revoir' to Mickey in a newspaper?"

He was speaking in the name of a personage you well know, because you surely have seen him on the screens and in the illustrated magazines. A little fellow with a comical mustache and a hotel porter's cap. He looks a little like Charlie Chaplin.

But he has never made anybody laugh. In his country they call him the Führer. Every-one says he is a dreadful man. He claimed to

have conquered Europe and he wanted to be master of the world. In pursuit of that goal he unleashed millions of warriors with helmets and, above all, boots.

And this Führer took offense at one little mouse — you, Hitler against Mickey! In my whole life, I had never felt so much like laughing. I almost exploded. But I contained myself with smiling. I replied to the question that had been put to me by praising you. The farcical interview, of a grotesque buffoonery, went on for a good quarter-hour.

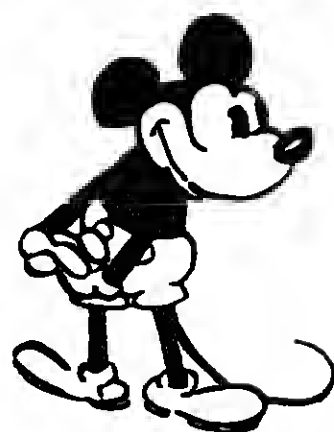
This oughtn't to be wrong to be afraid of you because, after all, it is you, my old friend Mickey, with your little nose, your skinny legs and your big feet who got the best of this invincible Führer with his innumerable aircraft, his huge cannons, his invisible submarines and his series of secret weapons.

It could not be otherwise. Many of us in France, a great many of us, knew it. You went through some very bad moments, with your friends, just as you do on the screen. But the hour of justice has come.

No, I was daydreaming. The buzzer sounds the end of the intermission. The main film is beginning. It is set in Germany.

Bravo, Mickey. And thanks.

Léon Bancael got the U.S. Army public relations office in Marseille to obtain a picture (reproduced here) of Mickey Mouse from the Walt Disney studio in Burbank, California. He published it with a reprint of both editorials — the sad one of 1942, and its exuberant sequel in 1944 — under the title "To Mickey's Friends: The two years of passage from oppression and censorship to liberation. He wrote, "will remain graven in our memory."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nigeria Needs Democracy

Regarding the report "Fraud Does a Thriving Business as Nothing Else Moves in Nigeria" (Aug. 31):

The major singular contributory factor for the environment in which these fraudulent activities thrive has been the lack of democracy in Nigeria, which has been under military rule for 24 of its 34 years of independence. Without democracy, there cannot be a transparent, accountable and responsible government or business environment.

The United States has shown admirable leadership in opposing the present military junta by refusing to grant credit visas to anyone, including members of the junta, who is derailing democracy in Nigeria. It also has threatened publicly to freeze the assets in America of Nigerian government agencies. The U.S. House of Representatives has adopted a resolution calling on the junta to resign and hand over power to Chief Moshood Abiola, the widely accepted

winner of the presidential election held on June 12 last year.

Europe has been somewhat remiss in supporting pro-democracy groups in Nigeria. This attitude is not in the enlightened self-interest of Europe, which has the largest investments in Nigeria and which holds the largest percentage of the country's external debt.

The United States, Europe and pro-democracy groups in Nigeria should work hand in hand to prevent the world from being saddled with another crisis along the lines of Bosnia, Rwanda, Somalia and Haiti. The world has enough tragedies on its hands right now. Nigeria does not need to join the list.

A. BOLAJI AKINYEMLI,
London.

Castro and Washington

An effective U.S. strategy for dealing with Cuba must start with the abandonment of policy from another era, an epoch when communists ran rampant and served as the buzzword for all forms of xenophobia.

First, Fidel Castro must be given respect, which he demands because of his position as a leader and deserves by virtue of his command of the situation. His ego got him where he is, destroying a beautiful country in the process and making the people hungry and angry — but also helping to politically ask him to step down.

Mr. Castro must be talked to. Not about how to resolve the temporary problem of a refugee outflow, but the way the United States has talked to others over the years. Mohamed Farrah Aidid after his Somali militia killed U.S. soldiers, the leaders of Russia after years of Cold War hostility, China after the Tiananmen crackdown — to name just a few. Send Jimmy Carter if necessary, or Jesse Jackson, but talk. More importantly, send in the troops: business leaders, planners, social workers. Give Cuba some money, and open discussions of trade. Stop sending empty signals. Right, of itself, will become cogent policy.

LAWRENCE R. GORDON,
London.

Fidel Castro has lost control of his people because of his insistence on continuing the anachronistic Communist system. Dissent is starting to surface now in spite of threats and coercion because Cubans simply cannot take it any more.

ALVIN STILLER,
New York.

Current U.S. policy toward Cuba and Haiti is cruel to the people of those countries and counterproductive. I suggest lifting the blockades, inviting Mr. Castro and Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras to Washington on state visits and welcoming both countries back into the world community.

PETER GERHARD,
Fayette, France.

Was it not Fidel Castro who was responsible for stripping Cubans of every civil right inherent in a civilized and free society, forcing them into communized slave labor, cutting sugar cane? Isn't this the tyrant who has imprisoned thousands

of Cubans for expressing their desire for self-determination and executed countless others whose "crime" was to seek democratic reform? The world must never overlook these acts against humanity.

RONALD WALKER,
Madrid.

Clearly, the Clinton administration has aligned itself with the intransigent, vengeful thinking of the Cuban-American community in Miami. This is a prescription for bloodshed in Cuba in the short term, and for never-ending political uncertainty on the island.

NICOLAS SAPIEHA,
Lisbon.

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Bird Stars In Bebop Garage Sale In London

By Mike Zwerin
International Herald Tribune

IT'S hard to know whether to laugh or cry. "Bird — The Chan Parker Collection: A Bird's Eye View of the Private Genius" is being auctioned on Thursday by Christie's in London. The auction house hopes that the more than 80 items will realize "in excess of £100,000," or more than \$150,000.

Included are Charlie Parker's driver's license, correspondence, concert posters, Christmas cards, musical scores and the cream acrylic Grafton plastic saxophone (serial number 10265) he played at the Massey Hall "Quintet of the Year" concert in Toronto on May 15, 1953, with Dizzy Gillespie, Bud Powell, Charles Mingus and Max Roach (estimate: £30,000 to £40,000).

I wrote the above, on the terrace of a café, in blank spaces around Bird's photograph on a page of Christie's slick, full-color brochure, which probably cost more to produce than he was paid to record "Birds for Alice." How much will this page be worth one day? Everything has a price, it seems. An 8-by-10 glossy publicity photo of Gillespie signed "To Bird My Better Half" is estimated at £600 to £800.

After his death, Henry Miller's manuscript of "Tropic of Cancer" was sold by Sotheby's for \$165,000. As the book was being published in 1934, Miller wrote his publisher to say money was no problem because he had "solved the problem of living without money." But Miller was rewarded in his lifetime. On the other hand, a contract with the Associated Booking Company contains the clause: "... If for any reason whatsoever Charlie Parker shall fail to appear for any scheduled show ... then it is understood and agreed that the employer shall have the right to deduct \$50 per show for each show missed by said Charlie Parker." (£700 to £900).

There is a difference of great degree if not kind here. Jazz was a particularly poor idiom when Bird was building his body of work in the late 1940s and early 1950s. It was not honorable work, one step above an exotic dancer. Later it has become respectable, with the "Round Midnight" and "Bird" movies and a tourist-oriented explosion of economy-stoking festivals around the globe. It can be argued that none of them would be possible without Bird's injection of genius.

In Marcillac, France, last month, I heard a 25-year-old from Toulouse play the tenor saxophone straight out of prewar Lester Young, totally bypassing Bird, which is rare and hard to do. Listening to early Bird, you hear how ecologically he evolved from Lester. How much am I offered for a genuine Lester Young pork-pie hat? Four of Bird's clarinet mouthpieces were estimated at £400 to £600.

Now we have Miles Davis neckties, and his image adorns Gap denim. Miles would have loved that. It may very well have been part of his game plan. Miles played money like the trumpet. Bird, on the other hand, was "on the losing side of financial transactions" in the 1950s. "... One music publisher sent Bird a check for \$150 for five compositions, a figure so gallingly low that his

A highlight of the auction Thursday will be the sax Charlie Parker played in a 1953 concert with Dizzy Gillespie.

partner Chan Parker refused to cash it. ... This payment followed Bird's voluntary admission to Bellevue Hospital Psychiatric Division for depression.

You might wonder about the taste of the whole idea but that would mean questioning a society in which millionaire baseball players strike against billionaire owners. Anyway, the money is going to his direct descendants. Nobody seems to be getting ripped off here. Except, of course, the creator who died young and broke, broken by the same sort of profit-oriented mentality that is by now so pervasive that sophisticated people find this bebop garage sale perfectly normal.

A two-page typescript letter, signed, on a letterhead from Dial Records, Contemporary Jazz, Hollywood, California, February 1947, from Ross Russell to Chan Parker: "Charlie is now at a most critical point in his career. He has ridden just about as far as he can hope to go on the 'screwball' genius kick. It's either go straight (within reason) from here out, or wind up a derelict within a year or two" (£1,500 to £2,500). Of course it can be said that to a large degree Bird had only himself to blame. What price alienation?

A contract for 10 concert dates in the Northwest for a grand total of \$1,000 plus transportation (not including hotels) is expected to bring £500 to £700. And a contract for one week at the Three Deuces on New York's famed 52d Street, 10 P.M. to 4 A.M. (four or five sets, an exhausting gig), also for \$1,000 is estimated at £600 to £800. Both contracts are now worth as much as he was paid for creating timeless art.

We conclude with the words of the "Private Genius," written on one of six Western Union cables (£500 to £700): "Forgive me my mistakes."

Yeltsin Orders Shift at Bolshoi

By Michael Specter
New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Striding into one of his country's most painful cultural disputes, President Boris Yeltsin of Russia has ordered a major change in the way the Bolshoi Theater hires its employees.

All 2,100 Bolshoi staff members — from cleaning workers to artistic directors and prima ballerinas — will be hired only on a contractual basis, as is common with most Western ballets, operas and orchestras.

Until now, the theater had operated under a system of creative fiefs established in the era of Stalin; to many people, these remained the aura of dictatorship.

The Bolshoi's once lustrous reputation has fallen precipitously in the last few years, just as it has become possible for Russian artists to work creatively at home again, and many have blamed a rigid system that has little regard for anything bold or new.

Decisions were unilaterally carried out by the artistic directors, especially Yuri Grigorovich of the Bolshoi Ballet, and dissension or discussion was unacceptable. There were bitter clashes between the imperious Grigorovich and the theater's general director, Vladimir Kozlov, who is formally Grigorovich's boss and who has long sought a contractual system as a way to introduce more innovation and faster change.

Yeltsin's decree firmly sided with Kozlov, stating flatly that "the management of the Russian Bolshoi Theater is assigned to the general director, who is entitled to appoint his or her deputies and artistic directors on a competitive and contractual basis."

Alexander Kolesnikov, the director of public relations for the theater, said, "This is the decision the theater has been waiting for."

"Everyone knows there was a very serious conflict between the managing director and the artistic directors of the Bolshoi," he said. "It made it hard for everyone to concentrate and work. We

hope that this decision will bring all that to an end and allow the companies to move on."

It is unclear how Grigorovich will respond. He is traveling abroad and could not be reached for comment.

Kozlov has told associates that he is not specifically seeking to replace Grigorovich or the other creative directors of the theater — Vladimir Leventhal at the opera and Alexander Lazarev at the orchestra — but that he needs to be able to have flexibility in the performance program if the Bolshoi is to survive at a time when its subsidies have been severely cut.

Kozlov's decision to introduce a contractual system for Bolshoi employees enraged the artistic directors when he first announced it last season. They successfully blocked his attempt, and Yeltsin, who appoints the managing director of the Bolshoi, agreed to resolve the dispute himself.

The decision clearly means there will be major changes in the direction of the Bolshoi, which has for years relied heavily on recycling opera and ballet classics with little thought to improvisation.

Another Angle on French Film

By Barry James
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Anatole Dauman, a fiercely iconoclastic producer of innovative and often classic movies for the past 45 years, laments that unfriendly monopolies are making it difficult for independent filmmakers to stay in business.

Although French intellectuals like to paint Hollywood as the villain, Dauman says the main threat to his venerable Argos Films company comes from France, where two powerful groups controlled by two brothers dominate the production, distribution and exhibition of movies. What they like to distribute and show — Dauman is not alone in saying it — is quick-return, usually Hollywood-made mass-audience entertainment, while the art movies that were once the glory of French cinema find it increasingly difficult to get exposure.

"Monopoly is not the same as culture," Dauman says. He warned that such a concentration of power "will lead to the death of the cinema in France" as it did in Britain for similar reasons. "In the history of the cinema, big integrated corporations have never created anything. Creation is the work of independents," he said.

Dauman's warning appears to be supported by recent figures from the Ministry of Culture, showing that the proportion of French-made films exhibited in France has fallen to 34 percent from 50 percent 10 years ago.

Even if the path has turned rocky and the future looks uncertain, Dauman has had an extraordinarily fruitful run dating back to the foundation of Argos Films in 1949. A current retrospective in Paris (at the Accorstone cinema, until March) celebrating Argos's 45th anniversary shows how much the industry owes to his quirky, independent way of thinking.

Movies that he has produced or co-produced include Alain Resnais's "Hiroshima Mon Amour" and "Last Year at Marienbad"; Jean-Luc Godard's "Two or Three Things I Know About Her" and "Masculine, Feminine"; Robert Bresson's "Au Hasard Balthazar"; Nagisa Oshima's "Realm of the Senses"; Wim Wenders's "Paris, Texas" and "Wings of Desire";



Anatole Dauman, movie producer.

Volker Schlöndorff's "Tin Drum" and Andrei Tarkovsky's "The Sacrifice."

Dauman comes across, at first, as hard-nosed, caustic and somewhat intimidating behind his hooded, watchful gaze. But despite his reputation for toughness, friends say he is a man of unexpected warmth and sly humor, and directors with whom he has worked praise him for consistently putting art before profits. "He has all the ambiguity and the mystery of an artist," Elia Kazan once wrote. Unlike producers who are essentially lawyers, accountants or publicists, Dauman's chief concern was always to "help the director," Kazan said.

Born in a family of industrialists (Dauman's father was in Warsaw in 1923, Dauman was taken to Nice as a boy. There, in 1942, he joined the French Resistance. He organized a clandestine print shop to forge documents and identity papers, was arrested by the Gestapo and deported to Germany. On the way he managed to jump out of the train and escape. He then took part in several sabotage and ambush operations. Dauman received the Croix de Guerre for bravery and after the war was given a government post to investigate people accused of collaboration with the Nazis.

Dauman's first idea had been to establish a fine-arts publishing house, and it was his interest in painting that most influenced his early short films, the first of which was Jean Aurel's "Fêtes Galantes," a tribute to Watteau recited by Gérard Philipe, followed by "L'Affaire Manet," also by Aurel, and a short on Goya's "Disasters of War."

WORKING with directors like Jacques Barlatier ("Paris, La Nuit"), Chris Marker ("La Jetée"), Georges Franju, Henri Gruel, Agnès Varda, Mario Ruspoli and Walerian Borowczyk, Dauman has always promoted the short movie, which he sees as a genre apart, as different from the feature-length film as a short story is from a novel. Perhaps the best known of the short films Dauman produced was Resnais's "Night and Fog," a searing description of the Auschwitz death camp made in 1955.

Throughout his career Dauman has been interested in the marriage between literature and image, which in his case does not mean adapting books from the screen but in pushing to the limit the possibilities of dialogue between writer and director. This was the case in "Hiroshima Mon Amour" with the then unknown Marguerite Duras and Resnais or in "Marienbad" with Alain Robbe-Grillet and Resnais.

Dauman's career has earned him a place in the Larousse Encyclopedia, which says he combines a demanding taste with audacity. Yet Dauman, whose education was truncated by the war, describes himself modestly not as a possessor of culture but of "a pretended culture, acquired with difficulty and poorly enriched by the bitter demands of commerce."

At Venice Festival, a Meeting of the Simpletons and Psychopaths

By Roderick Conway Morris
International Herald Tribune

VENICE — The first days of this year's Venice Film Festival suggest a world — as viewed through the filmmaker's lens, at least — sharply divided between natural-born psychopaths and natural-born nincompoops. Michael Radford, whose previous films include "Another Time, Another Place" and "White Mischief," opened the proceedings with "Il Postino" (The Postman). This production will make film history, if only because the lead actor, the immensely popular Neapolitan Massimo Troisi, succumbed within 24 hours of the final takes to heart problems.

Troisi plays Mario, an apparent simpleton, who gets a job as a temporary postman. His sole task is to deliver the mail to the Chilean Communist poet Pablo Neruda (Philippe Noiret), who has been allowed by the Italian government to live on an island in political exile from his homeland during the early 1950s. A friendship blossoms between these two seemingly incompatible men.

That this film, shot in Italian by an English director, was ever made represents an extraordinary act of will on Troisi's part and faith by the rest of the team. (Troisi was too weak to act more than a few hours a day — though you would never know this watching the film — and consequently the enterprise took 18 months to complete.) Artfully but unobtrusively directed, beautifully shot and rich in comedy, the film tackles the nature of chance friendship and of poetry in an unusual and highly satisfying way.

Idiot savants also took center stage in Robert Zemeckis's "Forrest Gump," already released in the United States to huge box-office success, and Jim Menzel's "The Life and Extraordinary Adventures of Private Chonkin," based on Vladimir Voinovich's

satirical novel set in a Russian village in 1941 and made by the Czech director in Russian. It is perhaps a sign of the abiding gulf between expectations in East and West that Zemeckis's dimwit (Tom Hanks) becomes "a zillionaire" and national hero, while the delightful Chonkin (Gennadi Nazarov) wins only the heart of a bony, buxom country girl.

Menzel is a rare director in that he takes an explicit stand against violence in cinema. "We all see plenty of cruelty and sadness around us. Only a person who is spoiled and whose senses have been dulled can bear to watch evil on the screen as well," he wrote in his presentation of "Chonkin."

It is, therefore, not difficult to imagine what Menzel might make of two in-competition films, "Little Odessa" and "Fugate." "Little Odessa," the 34-year-old James Gray's slickly made, fashionably somber and unpleasantly violent film, will undoubtedly rocket him into the front rank of super-bankable young directors. The story is of the return of Joshua Shapiro (Tim Roth), a professional hit man, to the New York Russian émigré suburb of the title. His mother (Vanessa Redgrave) is dying of a brain tumor and his younger brother (Edward Furlong) is cutting school and in conflict with his patriarchal Jewish father (Maximilian Schell). Gray's own mother died during his teens, and this aspect of the film displays genuine observation and feeling. The rest owes more to the self-referential world of "movie culture" than real life and is often implausible.

Equally unconvincing is the plot of the French director Karim Dridi's "Fugate," whose self-pitying, bisexual, petty-thief antihero heads an unsavory cast of low-lives in the title's Paris setting. Some of the players, according to the publicity, are the genuine article, but this fails to achieve the "authenticity" the director was seeking, and in the end the impression is more of sleazy fiction than fact.

The policy of the festival's director, Gillo Pontecorvo, of welcoming back American films, after they had been snuffily excluded by his predecessors for being too commercially appealing to be counted as Art, has proved a triumph in bringing the wider public back to the festival in large numbers, and Harrison Ford is as big a pull here as anywhere.

He was reputedly paid \$11.5 million plus 11.5 percent of the take to play the CIA supranatural Jack Ryan again in Phillip Noyce's "Clear and Present Danger." Action-packed, full of surprises, twists and turns, with a seismic sound track and an element of violence that is ritualized rather than gory, the film has box-office blockbuster written all over it.

Again in Venice, again out of competition, Woody Allen presented his latest, "Bullets Over Broadway," the tale of an aspiring young 1920s playwright, whose debut production ends up being financed by a mobster. Stylish, intelligent, wonderfully shot, brilliantly acted, frequently hilarious, the film reveals that Allen is still on a rolling high.

BOOKS

A BUNDLE FROM BRITAIN

By Alistair Horne. 333 pages. \$23.95. St. Martin's.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

AMONG the innumerable footnotes to World War II are the stories of those British boys and girls whose parents, fearful for their safety, sent them across the Atlantic to stay with American families. Uprooted at tender ages, all too mindful of the perils confronted by those they left behind, plucked down in a country where they found little common ground beyond language — and not much in that — these children fought their own small wars and won their own small victories.

Horne is the author of a number of first-rate works of popular history as well as the biogra-

pher of Harold Macmillan. His predilection for deep research and the long view is reflected in his decision to tell his own story against the background of the battles being fought in Europe. Horne was the son of Scottish parents. His mother was 18 years younger than his father; when she died in an auto accident in 1930, she left her husband a widower at the age of 57 with a 4-year-old son to support. Not surprisingly the gap between father and son was wide, and the father's clumsy if well-intentioned efforts did little to narrow it.

Upon deciding to send young Alistair to New York in 1940, the elder Horne was able to summon up these memorable words: "We're going to lose everything, old boy. But you're my only son — and my most precious possession, and I just want you to come through it, even if I don't."

In the fall of 1940, Alistair

was sent to a small private academy in New York state and was joined there by six other young Brits, all of whom were, in clear-eyed recollection, "generally odious, supercilious and often arrogant."

Eventually Alistair was cut down to size, and eventually he began to find a comfortable place for himself. In this he was helped to no small degree by the friendship that blossomed between himself and a wealthy youngster from Connecticut named William F. Buckley Jr.

At first Alistair regarded this precocious intellect with gravest suspicion and distaste, sentiments compounded by Buckley's isolationism, but character won out and they became "the longest and deepest friendship of a lifetime."

A similar evolution took place in Alistair's feelings about his temporary homeland. He was "too unsettled, too torn by all that was hap-

pening 3,000 miles away," to fall rapidly and easily into American rhythms, but in time he did. He developed a love for New York City that has never faded and a liking for American enthusiasm as contrasted with British reserve.

All of this was hastened and intensified by Pearl Harbor, after which "we were, as Roosevelt declared, all in it together," with the result that differences between Alistair and his schoolmates soon nearly vanished.

In 1943, Alistair returned to Britain and a reunion with his father that was cruelly ended when Allan Horne died early in 1944 after an accident during the blackout. But the note on which this memoir ends is one of cheer and gratitude. Horne's life as a writer has been productive and accomplished.

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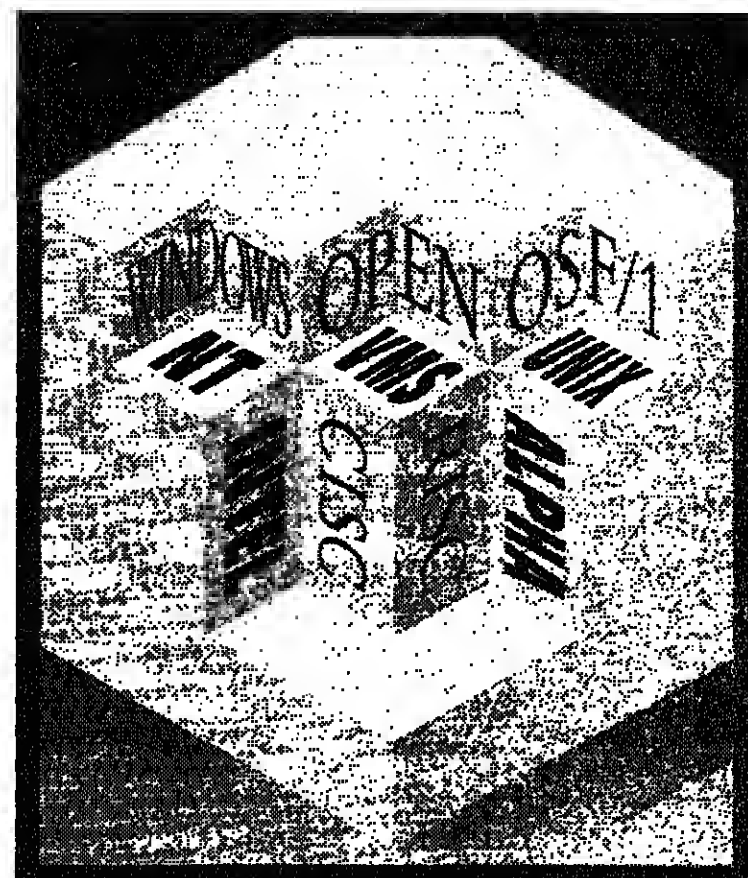
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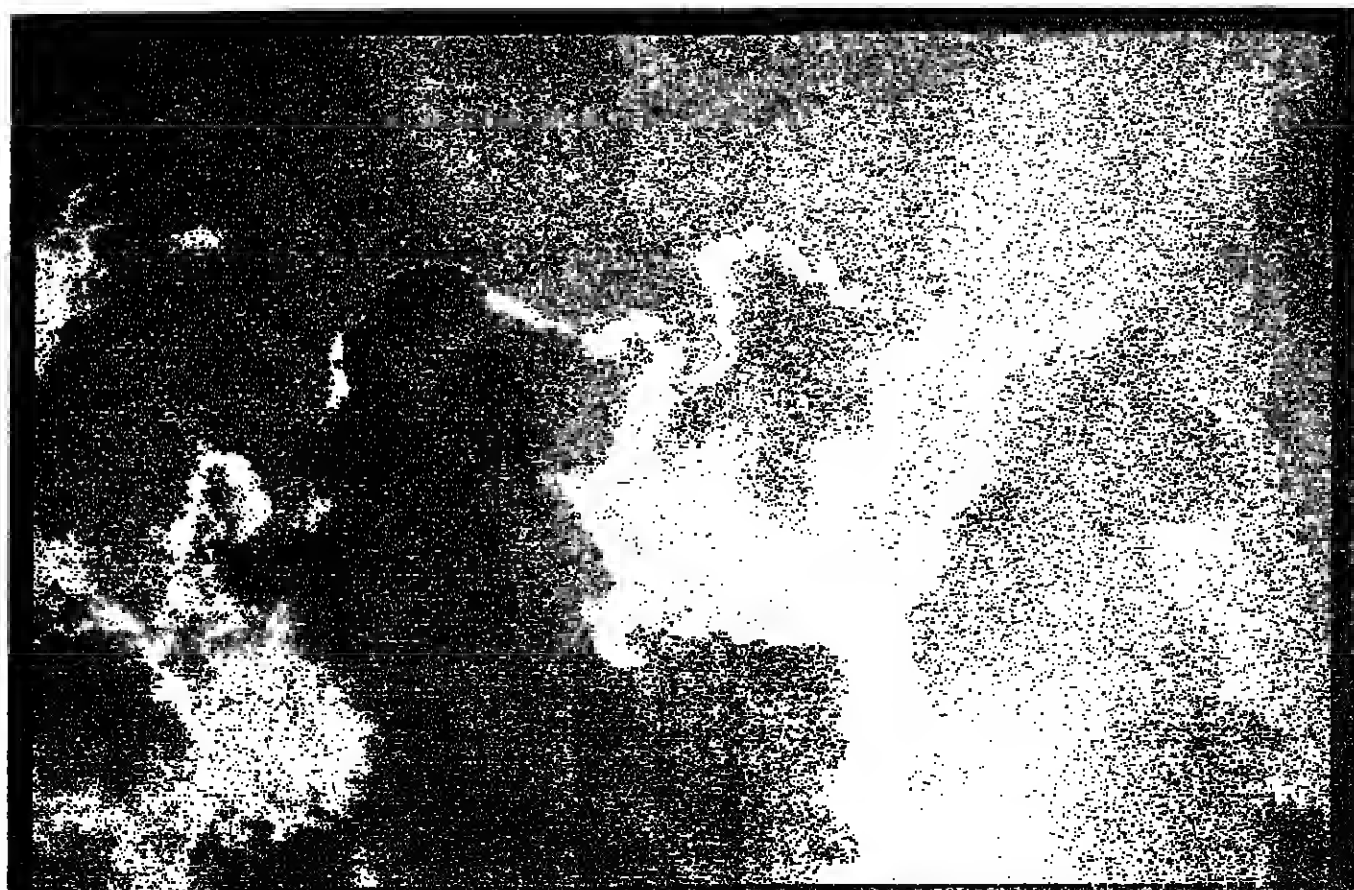
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MARKET DIARY

Firm German Rates Drive Down Dollar

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against most major currencies on Tuesday as dealers bet the Bundesbank would not reduce German interest rates to keep the country's economic recovery on track.

Many traders sold dollars for Deutsche marks after the Ger-

Foreign Exchange

man government said western German manufacturing orders rose more than expected in July. German unemployment rates in August, released Tuesday, also fell slightly.

Both reports were the latest in a series indicating the German economy is rebounding from recession faster than many analysts had expected. "The numbers out of Germany indicate that the economic recovery is under way," said Peter Watkins, senior vice president in currency trading at MTB Bank.

Steady rates in Germany could buoy the mark by making

deposits there more attractive. Many traders expected German rates to continue their two-year decline for another month or two at least.

The dollar closed at 1.5338 Deutsche marks, down from 1.5550 DM on Friday. New York markets were closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday. The dollar also closed at 98.65 yen, down from 99.13 yen, at 1.2045 Swiss francs, down from 1.2065 francs, and at 5.286 French francs, down from 5.3255 francs. The pound rose to \$1.5525 from \$1.5475.

Earlier in Europe, the dollar was pressured by concern about the size of budget deficits after the European Union announced it was set to take action against those EU countries with excessive budget deficits. A published report prior to the EU action highlighted the oversupply of bonds which afflicted many European markets and prompted investors to buy marks, analysts said.

(Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

BONDS: Weakness Hurts Stocks

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lower," the Paris analyst said. "But if rates rise in the U.S. and Germany they will also go up to France."

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index in London lost 1.11 percent, to 3,205.40 points, while the CAC-

percent from 2.25 percent a year ago. Speculative attacks against ERM currencies made the narrow bands untenable. (AFP Reuters, Bloomberg)

■ Bonds Slow U.S. Stocks

U.S. stocks finished mixed Tuesday, with blue-chip issues rising but the broader market undermined by weak Treasury bond prices, news agencies reported from New York.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 13.12 points at 3,896.70, but falling issues outnumbered gainers 11 to 9 on the New York Stock Exchange.

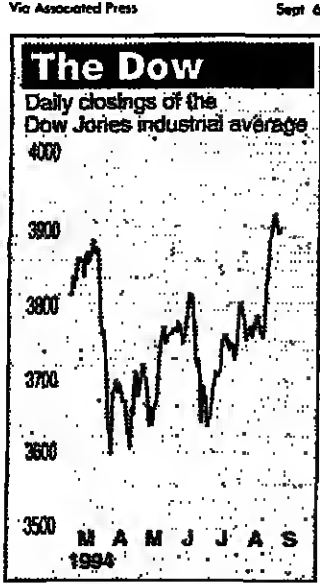
The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond price dropped 20/32 point, to 99 15/32, taking the yield to 7.54 percent, up from 7.49 percent.

American Express was the most actively traded NYSE issue, rising 1/4 to 30 3/4 after it announced plans for a new credit card and a recent report identifying the company as a possible takeover target.

General Motors jumped 1 1/2 to 52 after the company posted a big increase in car and truck sales for August.

Eastman Kodak rose 1/4 to 51 1/4 after the photographic film and copier maker agreed to sell its diagnostics unit to Johnson & Johnson for about \$1 billion.

(Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)



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BOJ Poll Finds a Mild Recovery

By Steven Brill

International Herald Tribune

TOKYO — A Bank of Japan poll confirmed Tuesday that the world's second-biggest economy had entered a recovery but said it would be a gradual and uneven one.

The central bank's quarterly tankan survey, taken in August, showed a significant, if expected, improvement in Japanese corporate sentiment and profit projections, particularly among manufacturers. But it also revealed an unexpected reluctance to invest in plant and equipment and stubborn concerns over employment and the strong yen.

"Despite the improvement in sentiment, there's nothing in the study that offers a promising sign for a strong recovery," said Mineko Sa-

zaki-Smith, an economist at Morgan Stanley & Co. "The economy is still adjusting to the excesses of the 1980s."

The central bank's governor, Yasushi Mieno, said the survey "shows economic recovery quite clearly." But the bank stressed it had not changed its formal view of the economy. Economists interpreted the comments as a tacit admission of disappointment and a signal that monetary policy would remain neutral.

The survey's key measure of business sentiment, the diffusion index, improved to minus 39 in August from minus 50 in the previous survey, in May. The figure, which was at the high end of expectations, compares percentages of companies expecting business to improve with those expecting it to deteriorate.

Also positive was the result that manufacturers, except for oil refiners, said they expected profit to rise 18.2 percent in the year ending in March 1995, reversing a forecast a year earlier of a 28.1 percent slide. The outlook among manufacturers, excluding electric power and gas companies, also was brightening, though profits were still expected to fall 3.7 percent, compared with 20.6 percent the year before.

But the survey dashed expectations that improved sentiment would lead to increased spending on plant and equipment and spur a vigorous recovery. Big companies predicted a 3.8 percent fall in capital investment in the current financial year, an improvement from last year's 11.3 percent slump but not from the 3.7

percent decline they predicted three months ago.

This figure "shows that the economy is still weak," Susumu Kato, chief economist at CS First Boston (Japan), told Reuters. "If capital spending doesn't improve, the recovery cannot be strong."

Economists said the reluctance to invest underscored the lingering excess of productive capacity built up in the 1980s and the financial burden imposed by those investments. It also highlighted a growing tendency among companies to invest overseas rather than in Japan, with its high currency and high costs.

"Corporate Japan is not interested in building factories in Japan, only in the Asia-Pacific region," said Jesper Koll, head of research at J.P. Morgan & Co. in Tokyo.

Philippines Allows Petron to Be Listed

Agence France-Press

MANILA — Governmental regulators on Tuesday approved the listing on Wednesday of Petron Corp., the biggest company in the Philippines, but excluded a block of 100 million shares reserved for its employees.

The Securities and Exchange Commission chief, Rosario Lopez, said it would be up to President Fidel V. Ramos to decide on Petron's employee stock-ownership plan in which some obtained allotments of more than 300,000 shares, while ordinary Filipinos were allowed only 1,600 shares each.

Petron offered a 20 percent stake to the public — comprising 600 million shares at a fixed price of nine pesos (34 cents) each, a tender tranche of 300 million shares to foreign and institutional investors, and 100 million shares reserved for company employees.

State-run Philippine National Oil Co. sold a 40 percent stake in Petron to Saudi Arabian Oil Co. for \$532 million in January.

"There's too much disparity between shares allotted to Petron officials and employees as compared with shares given to the public," Mrs. Lopez said.

Mrs. Lopez said she had suggested the Petron employees be given the same amount of scrip allotted to the public and that the company get rid of a 28 percent discount for employees who paid in cash.

There have been suggestions the commission postpone the

listing pending a decision on whether to issue additional shares to meet demand for the issue, which is informally trading at nearly twice its issue price. But Mrs. Lopez said she did not consider delaying the listing because "there are so many stockholders involved around 500,000, we don't want them to be affected."

China Can't Stop Rally in A Shares

Bloomberg Business News

SHANGHAI — Despite comments to the contrary by the China's top securities regulator, speculation that foreign companies would be allowed to invest in China's domestic stock market sent shares soaring for the second straight day Tuesday.

The Shanghai stock exchange's A-share index ended up 7 percent, at 1,041.95. A broker said rumors that foreign securities houses had reached agreements with Chinese brokers to set up joint ventures helped fuel the rally.

Analysts said the recent surge was based on speculation about foreign investment rather than fundamentals, and Liu Hongru, the chairman of China's Securities Regulatory Commission, was quoted in the official press as saying that for now, foreign funds would come from Chinese companies listing abroad, rather than foreigners investing in domestic bourses.

Investor's Asia

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Hong Kong Hang Seng	10,035.90	9,962.04	+0.74
Singapore Straits Times	2,338.55	2,325.06	+0.45
Sydney All Ordinaries	2,103.60	2,095.50	+0.39
Tokyo Nikkei 225	20,393.98	20,408.18	-0.07
Kuala Lumpur Composite	1,172.24	1,159.51	+1.10
Bangkok SET	1,535.14	1,531.30	+0.25
Seoul Composite Stock	977.50	971.46	+0.62
Taipei Weighted Price	6,830.47	6,866.32	-0.52
Manila PSE	3,086.48	3,104.30	-0.57
Jakarta Stock Index	524.50	519.42	+0.98
New Zealand NZSE-40	2,179.22	2,176.51	+0.12
Bombay National Index	2,136.29	2,135.03	+0.06

Sources: Reuters, AFP. International Herald Tribune

Very briefly:

- Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd. of Japan, American President Lines Ltd., Nedlloyd Lijnen BV of the Netherlands and Orient Overseas Container Line of Hong Kong, four of the world's largest shipping companies, said they had agreed to an alliance on trans-Pacific cargo services to begin by 1996.
- Taiwan officials said seven insurance companies from France, Britain, the United States, the Netherlands and Switzerland applied to set up offices after Taipei relaxed restrictions in a bid to enter the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.
- United Engineers Malaysia Ltd. has signed a pact to construct a \$222 million sports complex for the government in exchange for free use of two property sites worth a similar price.

Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg

Big Steelmakers Still Staring Down a Yawning Gap

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatcher

TOKYO — The five biggest Japanese steelmakers forecast Tuesday they would have pre-tax losses totaling more than 120 billion yen (\$1 billion) in the six months ending Sept. 30, and said they saw no signs of a recovery in the second half of the financial year.

The projected loss, which exceeds the companies' combined losses for all of last year, reflects a slumping economy and the strong yen.

Nippon Steel Corp., the largest steelmaker, predicted

its parent-company pretax loss would swell to 30 billion yen from 16.7 billion yen a year earlier, with sales falling 7.5 percent, to 980 billion yen.

"Production and shipments by the steel industry have finally started to recover," the company said. "But the business environment continues to be acute, with competition in the domestic and international markets intensifying."

It added that the industry would "see the continuation of the severe business environment" in the second half.

NKK Corp. forecast a loss of 40 billion yen, compared with 15.4 billion yen, and said sales would be off 3.2 percent, to 20 billion yen.

Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd., Kawasaki Steel Ltd. and Kobe Steel Ltd. also forecast wider deficits and lower sales. "Although personal consumption shows signs of recovering, private-sector capital investments have continued to slump, and the yen has further appreciated," Kobe said.

But Sumitomo Metal's vice president, Matao Kojima,

said that although the company still expected a depressed second half, "I think we can say earnings have bottomed out."

■ **Car Imports Reach 10%** Imports accounted for 10 percent of Japan's car market in August for the first time, Reuters reported, quoting the Japan Automobile Importers Association.

The group said imported vehicles accounted for 10.7 percent of overall August car sales in Japan.

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SPORTS

Nobody Does It Better: Rice Sets TD Record

By Thomas George

New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — The touchdowns usually come by air. They are often a thing of beauty. Jerry Rice races down field, speeds past his defender, soars through the air and makes the grab. Rice jukes and shakes and runs past the defense into the end zone.

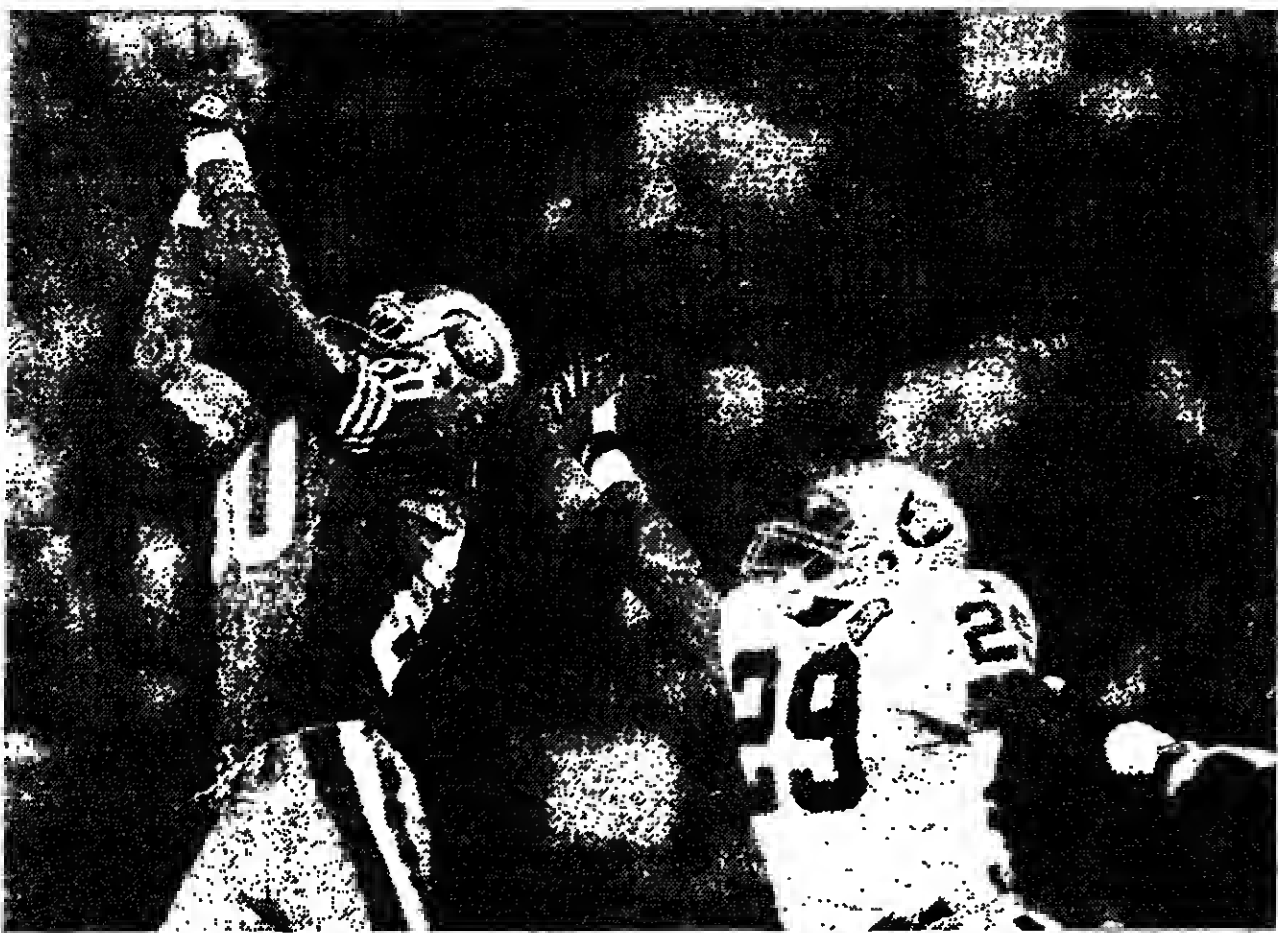
But the touchdown that Rice made in San Francisco on Monday night to tie the Jim Brown's National Football League career touchdown mark was on a 23-yard reverse. That score made it 49ers 37, Raiders 14, with 12 minutes 15 seconds to play.

Rice had already scored on a 69-yard bomb on the 49ers' first possession. The scoring run that tied Brown, who played for the Cleveland Browns in the 1950s and '60s, made it two. And then Rice made it three, leaping high, overflying all his usual acrobatics, and making his record catch on a 38-yard score over cornerback Albert Lewis with 4:05 to play. That made it 44-14. It finished that way.

That made it 127 career touchdowns for Rice. The record. The best.

Rice made it a special night for the 68,031 fans at Candlestick Park — the largest crowd to watch a 49ers game — and the national TV audience.

The game began with the focus on the Raiders' blinding speed at the receiver position. It ended with camera lights flashing and the crowd on its feet saluting Rice. He has 120 touchdown catches and seven touchdown runs. He made seven catches for 169 yards in this game and helped the 49ers dismantle the Raiders.



Jerry Rice making the catch for his NFL-record 127th touchdown in the 49ers' 44-14 thrashing of the Raiders.

The Raiders' defense just couldn't keep up.

After the 49ers took a 23-14 halftime lead, the game was scoreless in the third quarter.

But in the fourth, the 49ers scored 21 points and the blitz responded with one of their

In the first half San Francisco looked as if it was ready to run the speedy Raiders quickly out of the park. The 49ers' speed, quickness and execution led to the game's first 14 points. After that, each time the Raiders scored, the 49ers responded with one of their

own on their way to the half-time lead.

The Raiders are known for their fleet group of receivers, but Rice immediately made sure that everyone knew he is still one of pro football's best deep threats.

On the 49ers' fourth play of

the game, he lined up wide left at the San Francisco 31-yard line.

With cornerback Lionel Washington opposite him, Rice took an inside route, blew past Washington, caught a pass near the Raiders' 30 and sped past safety Patrick Bates for a 69-yard touchdown.

The Party's Over, and the News For the IOC Is Good: No News

By Randy Harvey

Los Angeles Times Service

PARIS — Turn out the lights in the City of Light, the \$16 million birthday party is over.

Also known as the Olympic Centennial Congress, it was conceived as a high-minded think tank that would bring together not only international and national Olympic officials but also academicians, historians, journalists, sponsors, marketing mavens and, yes, even athletes, to discuss and debate their roles at the start of the Olympic movement's second century.

Come together they did last week in the underground halls of a shabby convention center on the city's outskirts, more than 3,000 strong, to hear 430 three-minute speeches over a five-day period on every subject from ambush marketing to the ambush of Nancy Kerrigan.

But as for discussions and debate, there was little of either as speakers were herded to and from the stage like winners of the lesser Oscars at the Academy Awards. John MacAloon, a respected Olympic historian and University of Chicago sociology professor, fumed at the lack of opportunity for formal give and take at the end of sessions, as is usually a feature of academic conferences.

Even informal exchanges in the lobby subsided after it was discovered that Olympia, a metallic green robot that wandered the halls, had super-sensitive hearing powers.

All this occurred to the delight of International Olympic Committee president, Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain, who declared that the theme of the Congress would be unity and then gave no one a chance to disagree. That assured that the theme for the press would be boredom, which hardly distressed Samaranch.

About to step onto an escalator one afternoon, he spotted a reporter in the lobby and abruptly turned on his heels to go speak to him.

"No headlines," Samaranch said, his eyes twinkling.

He liked that thought so much that, in his closing speech Saturday, he said, "Good news is no news."

Most of his deputies were eager to accommodate him. In the opening speech of the first morning session, the IOC vice president, Kevan Gosper of Australia, said the movement needed the courage to eliminate sports from the Olympics that were no longer popular or modern; the courage to assure that professional athletes competing in the Olympics in increasing number were true lovers of sport and not merely gladiators; the courage to insist upon the continuing participation of athletes from developing nations, and the courage to open stadiums to the common man instead of reserving all the seats for corporate sponsors and celebrities.

But then Gosper, fearing that he had been too blunt, went to the press room to inform reporters that he was merely tossing out some suggestions, that he was not sure when or even whether the IOC should act upon them and that what really bothered him was "extravagant, unrelated" entertainment at sporting events. He was unable to describe what he was talking about, but he presumably knows it when he sees it. After that performance, some of his IOC colleagues began sarcastically referring to him as "Captain Courageous."

But if speakers were somewhat circumspect because they were concerned that their words might come back to haunt them, who could blame them? At the most recent Congress in 1981, one conclusion of the final statement's drafters was that there was "no place in the Olympic Games for professional or open competition." Eleven years later, the Dream Team pretty much ended that notion forever.

So it was time for a new Congress, the 12th in 100 years, and Paris certainly seemed to be the place because that is where a French baron, Pierre de Coubertin, convened the first meeting of the IOC in 1894.

In an interview before the Congress, Samaranch proudly included among his accomplishments in 14 years as president: the election of women to the IOC, including two executive board members; the creation of an athletes' commission; the opening of the Games to professional athletes; the development of a fund for athletes from emerging nations; the intensification of the fight against drugs and racial discrimination; the establishment of a court of arbitration for disputes between athletes and federations; the schedule change that placed the Winter and Summer Olympics in different years; the construction of new IOC facilities, including an Olympic museum, and the significant improvement in the IOC's finances.

If all Samaranch, who will retire in 1997, wanted to do was call a Congress to celebrate his reign as president, few would have argued.

But Samaranch promised much more, including open discussion that would result in a program, particularly for the Summer Olympics,

The IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain, declared that the theme of the Congress would be unity and then he gave no one a chance to disagree.

that included primarily sports that are popular today. Some, he said, would have to go. Instead, all the IOC did was add two sports, triathlon and taekwondo, for the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney.

Evolution, not revolution, said the IOC member Jacques Rogge of Belgium.

Not all IOC members were satisfied with that philosophy.

"You might have to speculate that if the IOC doesn't eliminate anything and adds two more sports, who's going to take it seriously?" said Richard Pound, an executive board member from Canada.

Yet, the IOC did score some points for its overdue recognition of athletes as forces within the movement. Donna de Varona, a gold medalist swimmer from the United States, said that when she attended her first Congress in 1973, the credential was literally ripped from her neck by an IOC official because she applied for it through the organizing committee instead of the IOC. De Varona was one of many current and former athletes to participate last week. In fact, she was asked to present two speeches.

Afterward, the IOC seemed poised to give the athletes more of a voice, if for no other reason, as Rogge explained, than to prevent a situation in the future like the United States has now with its baseball strike.

Like many others, de Varona said she was offended by the \$16 million price tag.

With little else to report daily, the media fixed on that figure. IOC officials were sensitive about it, choosing an alternate site for their grand gala in fear that the first choice, the palace at Versailles, would inspire Marie Antoinette to "let them eat cake" references. They also seemed to explain that they were contributing only \$6 million, while the rest came from the French and Parisian authorities, perhaps as a down payment on Paris's proposed bid to stage the Summer Olympics of either 2004 or '08.

Still, the IOC, which often boasts of the financial assistance it has given to athletes, such as the world champion runner Maria Mutola of Mozambique, should consider that \$6 million would finance training for many athletes for many, many years.

Besides, it is possible that reflection upon the Olympic movement is, like prayer, best done in private.

SCOREBOARD

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CALVIN AND HOBBES

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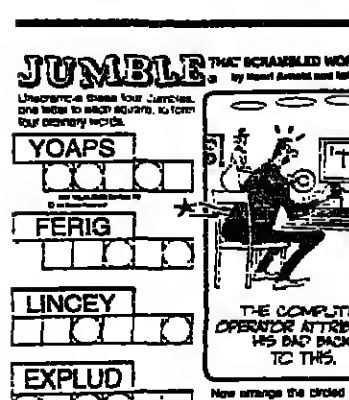
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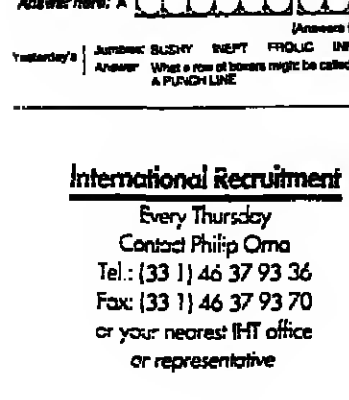
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U.S. Comes to Soccer's Temple Van Almsick and Dolan Set World Marks

In Search of Some Respect...

LONDON — David Platt came around the corner of Bisham Abbey, the elegant grounds of stone and brick where the England team trains, and there he found the photographers waiting for him. This is something the U.S. press doesn't do any longer, stage photographs — that went out with Mickey Mantle.

The English like to believe the Americans are innocent optimists, and in many ways that's true — but not here, and not on Wednesday night. U.S. soccer had jingoistic support through four home matches in the World Cup, but the general rule is that Americans — outside of the Olympics — rarely band together in the manner of the English. The tabloids may be ready with the thumbs for England's manager, Terry Venables, if he loses, but the all-for-one-and-one-for-country rhythms of English soccer are foreign to the popular U.S. sports — which basically are played only within America.

England has invited the U.S. team for a first-ever meeting at Wembley on Wednesday, even posting a \$25,000 reward for the Americans to win. That has brought out criticism on both sides — the American players call it ridicule — but it is the most sporting of English gestures, done for the Americans' own sake. The English think they are going to win, and they don't want anyone to call it a false victory. It is the ultimate compliment to U.S. soccer that the English would want the full respect of having beaten this team.

So when Platt, England's captain, came around the corner, he came to pose automatically for the English cameras. From the crowd of lenses was tossed a balled-up American flag, and Platt held it at first like he didn't know what to do. He tried waving it in a show over his shoulder. At last he grabbed each corner and held it high behind his head as if stretched out by the wind; they loved that one — he looked like General Patton.

It is historic, in my opinion," Sepp Blatter, general secretary of the international soccer federation, FIFA, said last week in between Olympic meetings in Paris. "That the U.S. is invited to England and invited to play in the temple of football which is Wembley — this is recognition of the value of American football. It is not because they beat England last year, but because of their performance in the World Cup."

The concern is that the Americans will lack the inspiration of their hosts, whose failure to qualify

for the World Cup finals was signaled by its shocking 2-0 loss to the Americans in Boston 15 months ago. This really is something to consider, that the English would be more fired-up to play the Americans; and that the Americans, for their part, might be slightly... uninspired?

Technically, perhaps, the Americans might lack the stuff — as well as some players — from their World Cup victory over Colombia. Emotionally, and from a strictly American point of view, this match with England is the one everyone had imagined for the World Cup. Never mind the sorry state of English football; until Brazil came along with Romário and his samba-dancing public, the U.S. audience mostly had seen soccer through English glasses — the black and white photos of the queen passing forth the trophies, the violence in the stands. That is how Americans typically see soccer internationally.

So, in a sense, this game really is an all-expenses-paid reward for what the Americans accomplished last summer; but it's also the next significant step. If U.S. soccer is going to maintain respect and grow in its public's eyes, the Americans have to win the attention of England. For England really is the only potential rival capable of igniting some sort of response from the American public; the Mexicans, the Canadians, the Germans, Italians, Brazilians — none of them can make a stir. But if the U.S. soccer team could grow up to antagonize the English on a regular basis — now there's something to win ratings points back home.

ENGLAND is fresh after a summer's rest, and its Premier League took last weekend off in anticipation of this friendly and other internationals Wednesday. England figures to give its best effort, then, while the Americans have the look of a rock band going on tour after a first platinum album. If they look slightly overwhelmed, it's not permanent. Indeed, they're already acting the part, with Alexi Lalas complaining that teammates Cobi Jones and Brad Friedel are being stifled by the English players union, which will decide Thursday whether to ratify their transfers to the English league.

It's part of the union's struggle to protect English players. For their part, the Americans are complaining about a lack of respect. All underdogs tend to complain like that, but in this case, with this team, the words ring true. So the final score Wednesday might not be so important as the circumstances created from it; and this rivalry begins with an edge the Americans always dreamed it would possess.

The Associated Press

ROME — The German swimming star Franz Van Almsick broke the world record and collected the gold medal in the women's 200-meter freestyle at the World Championships on Tuesday after not even qualifying for the final.

An American newcomer, Tom Dolan, also set a world record, in the 400 individual medley, only minutes after Van Almsick's swim.

In an apparent tactical move, German team officials had withdrawn the eighth-fastest qualifier, Dagmar Hase, from the women's 200 freestyle final so that Van Almsick, who was

ninth fastest but figured to be a better medal prospect, could swim instead.

Van Almsick said later it had been Hase's own decision.

The 16-year-old freestyle star responded with a stunning fourth length surge, powering past China's Lu Bin and touching first in 1:56.78. That broke the eight-year-old mark of 1:57.55 set by Heike Friedrich, another German, in Berlin.

"Without Hase I would never have done it," said Van Almsick, who wiped away tears on the medal podium. "I don't know how to thank her and, without her, there would never have been this record."

Lu Bin collected silver, also beating the previous record in 1:56.89. Claudia Poll won Costa Rica's first-ever medal by placing third in 1:57.61.

Dolan took the lead in the medley after a powerful breaststroke leg that put him inside the world record. In a close battle with countryman Eric Nametsnik and Finland's Jani Sievinen, Dolan, 19, increased his lead over the final freestyle leg, and touched in 4:12.30.

That was 0.06 inside Tamas Darvizi's world mark set at the last World Championships three years ago. Sievinen took silver in 4:13.29 and Nametsnik won the bronze in 4:15.69.

Unlike Monday, when China won all three women's golds, its swimmers failed to win any of Tuesday's five races.

In the women's 200 breaststroke, Australia's Samantha Riley went out fast and stayed there to win in a championship record 2:26.87. China's Yuan Yuan won the silver in 2:27.38 and Belgium's Brigitte Becue got the bronze in 2:28.85.

Poland's Rafal Szukala, the Olympic silver medalist and European champion, powered away from the field to win the 100 butterfly in 53.51, the fastest performance of the year. Sweden's Lars Frolander placed second in 53.65 and Denis Pankratov of Russia was third, 0.03 behind.

Frolander and Pankratov swam against each other again in the 800 freestyle final and both again collected medals.

Both were third-leg swimmers in the final and, thanks to a swim by fourth-leg Anders Holmertz, Sweden won the gold in 7:17.74. The other Swedes were Christer Wallin and Tommy Werner.

Yuri Mukhin, Vladimir Pysheenko, Pankratov and Roman Tsegolev came home second for Russia in 7:18.13 and Germany (Andreas Szilag, Christian Keller, Oliver Lampe and Steffen Zesner) took the bronze in 7:19.10.

Sánchez Vicario, Sabatini in Semis

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — Second-seeded Arantxa Sánchez Vicario of Spain and No. 8 Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina fought into the semifinals of the U.S. Open on Tuesday.

In a battle of mistakes, Sánchez Vicario outlasted No. 5 Kimiko Date of Japan, 6-3, 6-0, before Sabatini hung on to beat the unseeded American Gigi Fernandez, 6-2, 7-5.

In a men's fourth round match, Jonas Björkman of Sweden beat Joern Renzenbrink of Germany in a five-set struggle, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3.

Fernandez, a surprise semifinalist at Wimbledon earlier this summer, dropped the first set, then took charge in the second until Sabatini, the 1990 U.S. Open champion, found the range with her top-spin passing shots. What followed was a comedy of errors.

Neither player wanted to make a mistake, so both became overcautious. One Sabatini serve was clocked at 58 mph (93 kph), so slow that Fernandez got way out front with her swing and sent her return cross-court wide.

Later, a Sabatini second serve didn't reach her own service line, landing less than 10 feet (3 meters) in front of her. She nearly repeated that performance in the last game of the match, and finished with eight double-faults.

"I had some troubles, especially at the end," Sabatini said. The semifinal berth was Sabatini's first since 1990.

In the opening set of the first match, it appeared as if neither Sánchez Vicario nor Date could hold serve — there were service breaks in the first, second, fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth games.

For Date, things then went worse. In all, she had 39 unforced errors, two-thirds of them in the opening set, against only 12 winners.

"I think my body was tired, physically tired, but my spirit was up for it," Date said.

"However, there was no good balance in between those two," Sánchez Vicario, who lost to Monica Seles in the 1992 final here, reached the semifinals for the fourth time in the last five years. She had 16 winners and 14 unforced errors.

On Monday night, Andre Agassi showed he could take his act to Broadway. It was, after all, great theater.

Spicing his tremendous shot-making with a dash of flash, Agassi hooked up with sixth-seeded Michael Chang for five sets of crowd-pleasing tennis. And when it was over, the unseeded Agassi had a spot in the men's quarterfinals.

A finalist here in 1990, Agassi's ranking had dropped precipitously since he won Wimbledon two years ago. He came into this year's last Grand Slam event unseeded but playing his best tennis since 1992.

"I am hitting the ball as well as I have ever played," Agassi said after eliminating Chang, 6-1, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3, 6-6, 6-1. "I am excited to come back. I can't wait to get back out on this court."

He will do that against 13th-seeded Thomas Muster, a 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 fourth-round winner over No. 3 Sergi Bruguera, a clay-court specialist and two-time French Open champion.

The other quarterfinal pairing in the bottom half of the draw will pit No. 9 Todd Martin against unseeded Bernd Karbacher of Germany.

Martin advanced when Richey Reneberg suffered a pulled hamstring in his left leg and was forced to retire.

The women's quarterfinal pairings were completed when No. 4 Mary Pierce ousted Iva Majoli of Croatia, 6-1, 6-2.

... And England Will Deliver It, With a Vengeance

International Herald Tribune

LONDON — The stars and stripes are flying over Wembley Stadium for Alexi Lalas and Co. It has taken three score years and eleven, but finally the English have condescended to receive the United States of America in London for a game of soccer.

The way some Catholics dream of a blessing in Rome, so pioneers of U.S. soccer craved a

Rob Hughes

match in the cradle of the world game. Those early Americans, affiliated with FIFA in 1913, might never have believed that their country would in 1994 stage the biggest World Cup in history, and then be granted an audience at Wembley.

Those old men would have chuckled at England's supposed imperious rulers of the game begging Americans to come.

When negotiations between the two soccer federations became a trifle sticky in the World Cup swelter, England agreed to a match fee plus a \$25,000 bonus if the Americans should win at Wembley. Such a bonus to the opposition is unheard of in sports. It could be interpreted as extreme arrogance or as a foolhardy insult.

"The idea was to put a little carrot there for the Americans," said an FA spokesman. "It puts a competitive edge to this friendly match."

Is that friendly as in friendly fire? Whatever the sun, the inducement backfired somewhat when a more senior FA official insisted that the bonus was "a commercial deal, suggested in the first place by America."

But Sunil Gulati, the U.S. federation negotiator, believed the \$25,000 was for a tie, not necessarily a win.

So after 71 years, a linguistic misunderstanding divides Brits and Americans. Over there, a tie is a drawn game, scores level; here, a tie is simply a fixture.

If cash were the motivating factor England thought it to be — rather than a publicity gimmick to stir interest where less than half the tickets have been sold — the bonus presumably was intended to persuade America to come out attacking. Instead, the Yanks think they are in the money if a cautious approach ties up the game.

This type of mercenary hype came long after the pioneers. But what would they have made of the irreverent Alexi Lalas at the heart of America's defense?

Red-haired, red-bearded, and red-hot on the guitar, Lalas sprawls, gawky as an ostrich, yet somehow gets the job done.

Summer turned Lalas into a cult figure, elevated him from college player to World Cup personality, and induced Padova to pay \$750,000 to take him from America, a country with no pro soccer league, to Italy, the multimillionaire's mecca.

True, Padova was outclassed to the tune of 5-0 against Sampdoria in his first match there on Sunday. By all accounts, Lalas was valiant in a chaotic defense.

It takes more than five goals to dent the gun-ho confidence, the defiance of this man. In the summer, his spirit overcame taunts. One American christened Lalas "the love child of Phyllis Diller and Rasputin."

Lalas laughs all the way to the bank. Mention his name, spell out how much a maverick he is in appearance, and he lays back while advertising men throw bucks his way. I like the guy's spirit but cannot fathom why European clubs should clamor for him while ignoring his gifted and unattached compatriot Marcelo Balboa.

Balboa came back from knee surgery to star at the World Cup. He organized the American rearguard, he covered and tackled and made up for Lalas's sometimes impulsive rushes, he looked smooth and calm while all around him lost their heads. Yet Balboa has just learned that his only offer, from the Mexican

club Puebla, has fallen through. Mexican club owner, man Alexi has been kicking off the British Home Office and the English Professional Players' Association over their protectionist policies in failing to open doors to two of his countrymen.

Lalas called the delay in granting work permits to Cobi Jones and Brad Friedel "a joke."

"It's just another form of the lack of respect that we American players get," he said. "I really hope they grant these guys permission to play because in essence it's you guys who are missing out on two characters who could add an unbelievable element to English football. If you go through life with blinkers on you miss so much on the periphery. If they don't come to England they'll go somewhere else."

Lalas concluded, "I'd love to play in England, but I'm not going to go where American players aren't wanted."

Spoken like the sportsman he is, with plenty of heart and little elegance. Lalas has a point: England still has a superior air and a door half closed to foreigners.

But Jones, largely used as a World Cup reserve, and Friedel, who has played for no one since last May, have lately been more evident on the beach than the playing field.

For what it matters, I foresee

In Secret, Selig Meets U.S. Aide

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With four days left until the deadline he set for canceling the season, the acting baseball commissioner, Bud Selig, met secretly with Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich.

"I think there is a very good possibility we are not going to have a World Series this year and that would be the first time since 1904," Reich said.

Neither Selig nor Reich announced the meeting, which took place Monday in Milwaukee and was disclosed by another owner.

Selig confirmed the meeting took place but wouldn't comment on what was said.

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49 Sphere, e.g.
52 Paraphernalia
54 Final words
55 Be inane, in Fal City?
57 Growl-neal cry
62 "Little Sheba" playwright
63 Yellow-lever mosquito
64 "Ladders" in nose
65 Turned gray
66 Take by force

39 Despoils
40 Old Ford
41 Printer's mark
42 Plot mathematically
43 Place to get down from
44 Fabric akin to felt
45 Cheucer pilgrim
46 Elphinstone
47 Ado
48 Novelist's concern
49 Race's end
50 Using extortion
51 Barely mention
52 Johann Spyr classic
53 Canton Irish
54 Dickinson and Bromie
55 Halted
56 Rochester's beloved
57 Practice à la Marciano
58 Kausal neighbor
59 Where the phone meets the Soane
60 Sicle
61 Remain
62 Freshness the cake
63 Examine
64 -maler (brain membrane)
65 Like sushi

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